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RECALLS HIS
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**BRITAIN
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**RAY CLEMENCE
ON KEEGAN'S
RETURN TO
ANFIELD**

Mike Channon heads one of his two goals past Manchester City's goalkeeper Joe Corrigan at Southampton on the opening day of the season. The former City star, now a Saints favourite, is featured in our exclusive Star Strikers feature inside.

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SO much hot air is blowing through the troubled battlements of Old Trafford, Manchester, that it is difficult to grasp the root of Manchester United's problem.

Two factors, though, are irrefutable: 1 Dave Sexton's job as manager is in jeopardy; 2 Supporters will not tolerate United's slump.

The Press is being blamed for stirring trouble — and the fans are criticised for impatience.

"What do they know about the game?" is the argument of those employed by the club.

But is the average supporter that ignorant? Experience shows he might not be too conversant with the subtleties of zonal marking and a midfielder's angle of peripheral vision, but give him credit for knowing when his team is playing badly.

It is futile for United's players to tell the fans to forget the glory days of Edwards, Byrne and Taylor and Charlton, Best and Law. The average United fan has been bred on exciting, flamboyant football.

Tommy Docherty knew the importance of playing in the style befitting United's traditions.

Vulnerable

Docherty's teams made the pulse race, vulnerable at times but eminently more entertaining and rewarding than United's impeccably coached, rather studious style of today.

Dave Sexton has gone for teamwork par excellence at the expense of a less rigid system. His is a safer style. But will it ever win anything?

Why hold United's brilliant players on such a tight rein? Why restrict the flair of Garry Birtles, Steve Coppell, Mickey Thomas and Ray Wilkins with stifling tactics?

Unshackle your stars, Mr. Sexton. Relax the reins. Let the "horse" bolt if necessary in the final two months this season.

Why spend millions buying thoroughbreds when you discipline them like donkeys?

Manchester United's fans should be served the champagne football Matt Busby's blueprint dictated when he could get hold of a scrap of a lad kicking a ball on a bomb-site in the city, coach him in the ways of United, inspire him with loads of commonsense, and allow him the freedom to express his talents on the pitch.



Going to the World Cup in '82? Going to the World Cup

FANCY flying to watch the World Cup Finals in Spain in 15 months time? England, Scotland, Northern Ireland, Wales and the Republic of Ireland all have a chance of being represented at the Greatest Soccer Show on Earth.

Spain is only a quick hop across the English Channel, and cheap flights to the land of topless beaches, cheap wine and Mediterranean sun have made it one of Europe's most popular tourist traps.

Not surprising then that soccer's "Mardi Gras" is high on fans' list of priorities for the summer after next.

The bad news is that package holidays to the 12th World Cup are being snapped-up so rapidly in Britain that by the Autumn the official tour operator could be pinning "sold out" notices to his London office.

And as the recession bites deeper in Britain's heavy industrial belts to send hundreds on to cold pavements to queue for unemployment benefit, early warning signs suggest that this soccer trip of a lifetime is likely to be prohibitive to the average fan's pocket.

SPECIAL REPORT by Bill Day

Scottish fans sold their cars and other prized possessions to join the tartan army bound for the Finals in Argentina three years ago.

A trip to Spain, by comparison to that momentous expedition across the world, is a mere five-penny bus ride. Yet the commercially minded Spaniards are already wringing their hands with glee in anticipation of the killing they are hoping to make at the expense of honest football supporters.

The bleak situation is spelt out ominously by Mike Norris, a director of Sportsworld Travel Ltd., the UK consortium appointed as the official and exclusive agents for England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland for the distribution of tickets, travel and accommodation for the World Cup.

"They will not be cheap holidays," he warns.

Precise costings for the trip are



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impossible at the moment, but a rough estimate of the likely cost of the cheapest possible package is just under £500. That figure, offered tentatively by Sportsworld, of 55 New Bond Street, London, buys a 12-day tour at a

basic two-star accommodation using coach transport.

A luxury package of the same duration would cost roughly £750.

A full 30-day tour, embracing the opening round on June 13 through to the Final on July 11, will cost in the region of £1,500 at the cheapest "Grade-C" rate.

Another startling factor is that as sole British agents, Sportsworld will receive only 7,000 tickets for the World Cup Final in Madrid, a stadium with a capacity of more than 90,000.

"It is clear already that we will not have enough tickets to satisfy the enormous demand from all over Britain," stresses Mike Norris. "We are heartened by the

BEWARE - IT'LL



THIS MAP gives you some idea of the travelling you'll have to do to follow your team during the World Cup. The figures are the groups for the First Round of matches and centres for these games are linked by a solid line. For example, Group 1 is to be played in La Coruña and Vigo, Group Two in Oviedo and Gijón. The dotted lines indicate where the Group 1 winners will have to travel to play their Second Round matches. Group 1 go to Barcelona, Group 2 to Madrid, Group 3 from Alicante and Elche also to Barcelona and so on. The stars show where the Semi-Finals and Final will be played — Sevilla, Barcelona and Madrid. Spain is a big country and travelling is not always easy. If a British team is drawn to play in La Coruña, supporters will face 2,000 miles travel if it reaches the Final.

Brian Clough soaks up the Spanish sun (left), with the impressive Bernebeu Stadium in Madrid pictured behind.

Up in '82? Going to the World Cup in '82? Going to the World Cup in '82?

response. We have sold 30 per cent of our allocation already. But then there is only one way to make this trip — to do it through our official channels."

The message to British soccer fans is stunningly simple. IF YOU WANT TO GO, BOOK EARLY, AND START SAVING NOW.

Travel operators throughout the world are collaborating to cut costs to the bone. Any hint of jiggery-pokery to inflate prices the Spanish end will be resisted furiously.

'Inflated prices'

"The Spaniards will not be allowed to make a killing," insists Mr Norris. "Travel agents will not tolerate such antics if they try to serve up inflated prices."

It is abundantly clear that if fans decide to opt out of the official tour organisation and go it alone in an old car with a tent and rations stored in the boot, they are committing themselves to a rough time.

The chances of buying tickets on the gate at matches in the early rounds will be good, but a fan

rolling-up at the Quarter-Finals and later rounds will have to break the bank to buy tickets from touts.

The good news is that the chances of a strong UK team presence in Spain will be incredibly strong.

One of the sad reflections of the European Championship riot in Turin is that many of the hooligans were not true fans. All accommodation in Spain will be linked to tickets rendering it impossible for "rogue" operators to flourish as they did in Italy.

No tickets will be available to British supporters through any other source than Sportsworld Travel, who will conduct strict vetting with the co-operation of the F.A.

Sportsworld will be offering a variety of tours ranging from 12 to 30 days, with the possibility of some shorter trips, with a choice of three different grades of accommodation — first class, tourist and economy.

At least 10,000 British fans will make the exodus to Spain. They are likely to return home broke but happily content that they have experienced soccer's most thrilling extravaganza.

How to do it on the cheap

IF you're frightened by the travel agents' four-figure prices for package deals, you may be tempted to go solo and plan your own trip, aiming for economy right down the line. SHOOT's Graham Turner has been in Spain for the last seven years, and we asked him for a quick first-hand look at the various possibilities.

THE sheer size of the tournament and the country are the two inescapable problems; 24 teams will be playing 52 matches at 17 grounds in 14 different cities as much as 750 miles apart.

During the first phase of the Finals 12 stadiums will be used, divided into six pairs — and only the six seeded teams will avoid travelling.

As the six lucky ones are likely to be Spain, Argentina, Italy, Brazil, West Germany and Holland (assuming they all qualify) any British teams will be among the unlucky travellers.

What's more, if a British team were to reach the Final they'll probably have played in five different cities and travelled about 1,500 miles!

To make matters worse, in Spain's great communications hub Madrid, there's no football during the first fortnight!

So, if you want to follow your team, it's not a question of arriving in Spain and setting up shop for the whole month — you've got to be prepared to be on the move. And travelling in a big country like Spain can eat up a lot of time and money.

your budget it's worth bearing in mind that some airports are as much as 30 miles from the city centre. But if you plan this type of trip, you'll be hard-pressed to find a better deal than an agent's package.

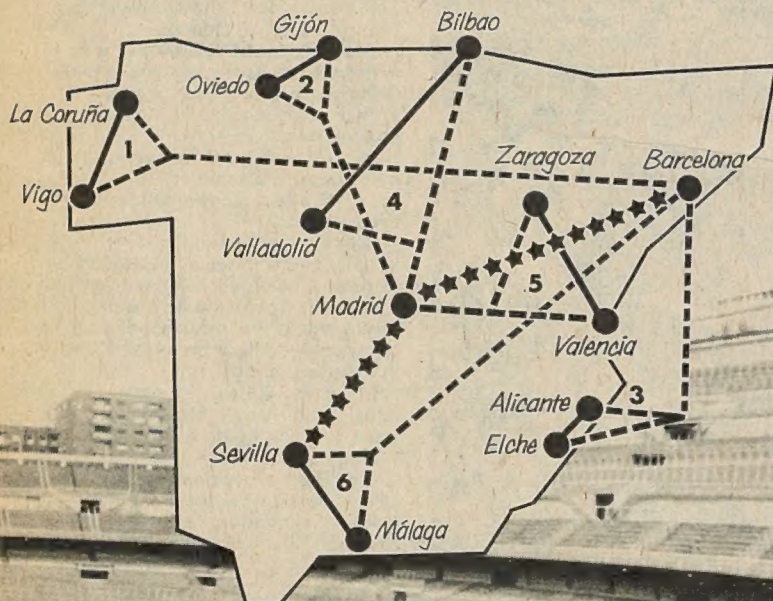
You can save a lot of cash by staying in cheaper accommodation, such as guest houses, and by travelling around in trains or buses.

In this case your problems are likely to be finding rooms in the coastal centres, where the World Cup coincides with the peak tourist season. Spanish trains are a good deal cheaper than in Britain, but expresses average under 30mph and aren't renowned for their punctuality.

What's more, some of the journey times (such as Barcelona-Málaga's 22 hours 25 minutes) are pretty horrifying. Even so, rail travellers can obtain a 15 per cent reduction by purchasing a 'Chequetren' card when they arrive.

All things considered, my recommendation would be to fill a car with family and friends; make the trip by road; stay in guest houses or camp-sites; and travel from centre to centre under your

COSTA PACKET!



The average speed of a Spanish express is under 30mph!

With luck, your team could find itself in Group Three, where the two stadiums are only 15 miles apart. On the other hand, the Group Five grounds at Valencia and Zaragoza are over 200 miles apart, with the fastest train taking six hours and costing about £8 each way.

In the second phase all the action switches to Madrid and Barcelona, though one Semi-Final will take two teams diving abruptly back south to Seville.

Even a quick glance at these basic facts will be enough to convince you that if you intend to stay in quality hotels and travel from centre to centre by plane you'll need a jumbo-size piggy bank.

To give an example, a Barcelona-Seville flight costs £42 each way — and when planning

own steam and in your own time.

The costs of crossing the channel and driving through France are not prohibitive when divided by four occupants.

If you have a full load, even Spain's sky-high petrol prices (£1.56 per gallon for three-star) won't be too much of a burden. A night on a camp site with good facilities costs around £5 for a car with four occupants, and if you don't fancy doing your own cooking, you can still eat a good three- or four-course menu of the day with wine for around £2 in many restaurants.

Even allowing for Spain's relatively high inflation rate (which means these prices will certainly rise before 1982), a carload of fans with a tent could probably manage the whole month in Spain for less than £500 per head.

Britain in Europe... Britain in Europe... Britain in

At first glance the Euro Cup draws were not kind to Britain's four remaining representatives. Only Ipswich have what could be called a glamour tie; whatever the strengths of Eastern European teams, they never have the same drawing power as those from the West.

Yet on the other hand, because of their long winter-break, clubs from the East are never quite the power in the second half of the season as they are in the first. It's difficult after a long period of inactivity — and no matter how

you think of Spain, Holland and Portugal and such countries — not the Eastern bloc."

A blow to the Welsh side is that striker John Aldridge is injured and Alan Waddle is ineligible. Ashurst has few options in attack, so the onus will fall on the versatile Tommy Tynan and David Gwyther to break down the Jena defence.

Newport are the second Welsh club to meet Jena in Europe. Swansea played them in 1961 when, for political reasons, Jena didn't travel to Wales so Swansea's 'home' tie was played



FULL OF EASTERN PROMISE

many friendlies you play to keep fit, there's nothing like the real thing — so while Liverpool, West Ham and Newport have 'unattractive' ties, they have the advantage of match fitness.

Only one Eastern European side has ever reached the European Cup Final — Partizan Belgrade back in 1966.

Liverpool would love to beat the team that knocked out Nottingham Forest — remember, it was Forest, a couple of seasons ago, who ended Liverpool's European reign.

Bob Paisley has been talking to Brian Clough about the Bulgarians, but so much may have happened since Forest were defeated in the autumn.

Dangerous

It could be argued that Liverpool were playing better in the early part of the season than recently; on the other hand, The Reds are never more dangerous than when people start raising doubts about them.

It won't have escaped Liverpool's notice that CSKA are the only team left in the competition who haven't conceded a goal. The video of Forest's defeat a few months ago will be shown to the Anfield players to remind them of what CSKA are capable of.

If you accept that Liverpool should win at Anfield, as they invariably do, their experience should see them through in Sofia.

Newport manager Len Ashurst called his tie against Carl Zeiss Jena a "nonentity".

He continued: "I feel sorry for the fans who have followed us through last season's League and Cup runs. When you talk of Europe



CSKA dangerman Kerimov (above) takes a quick route to the Forest goal. Ipswich's John Wark nets against Widzew Lodz (below).

in Linz, Austria. The score was 2-2, but the East Germans romped home 5-1 in the Ernest Abbe Stadium.

Last season Jena beat West Brom in the UEFA Cup, so Ashurst will have been talking to Ron Atkinson to help his club's preparations.

West Ham have the worst journey; but remember if it's bad for The Hammers it must be just as bad for Tbilisi to travel in the opposite direction.

If you want to annoy Tbilisi call them Russians. In fact they're from Georgia, one of the states that make up the USSR and they're proud people... but very hospitable.

Like Liverpool at home, West

Ham are always a good bet to win at Upton Park. That they have lost both their away ties so far may give rise to fear if they don't take a two-goal lead to Georgia.

Without doubt THE tie as far as Britain is concerned is between Champions-elect Ipswich and French acers St-Etienne. Les Verts, as they're called, won 5-0 in Hamburg in the last round and that must go down as one of the greatest upsets in the history of the competition.

However, such results don't usually happen twice and Bobby Robson was pleased to be drawn away first. Too often he's seen Town win at Portman Road, only to struggle to hold on to their lead in the second leg.

But they've been in such irresistible form this season it's hard to back against Town.

Like West Ham, though, they've lost all their away ties. On the other hand, on each occasion they had a commanding lead from the first leg. This time it'll be different.

EUROPEAN CUP

Bayern Munich (Olym. Pireus 4-2, 3-0; Ajax 5-1, 1-2)	v	Bank Ostrava (Vestmannaeyjr 1-1, 1-0; Dynamo Berlin 0-0, 1-1)
Moscow Spartak (Jeunesse. Esch. 5-0, 4-0; Esbjerg 3-0, 0-2)	v	Real Madrid (Limerick 2-1, 5-1; Honved 1-0, 2-0)
Liverpool (Oulu 1-1, 10-1; Aberdeen 1-0, 4-0)	v	CSKA Sofia (Forest 1-0, 1-0; Szombierski 4-0, 1-0)
Inter Milan (Craiova 2-0, 1-1; Nantes, 2-1, 1-1)	v	Red Star Belgrade (Stavanger 3-2, 4-1; Basle 0-1, 2-0)



Michel Platini

INTERNATIONAL SUPERSTAR OR BIG FISH IN A SMALL POOL?

MANY British readers were amazed to see the name of Michel Platini in third place behind Rummenigge and Schuster in the race for the European Footballer of the Year Award. After all, the Frenchman had no success either at club or international level during 1980. But one has to remember that the award poll is

conducted by French magazine France Football and that a high percentage of the 'jurors' are from the other side of the Channel. And if Platini has yet to establish a worldwide reputation with stunning displays at the top level, there's no doubt that in France he's long since been the undisputed Number One...

"Yes, in France they've made a god of me. Perhaps too much of one. And it's something that I've never really wanted. I've come to terms with it a little more during the two seasons that I've been at St. Etienne, but when I was at Nancy I felt permanently hemmed in by all the publicity and intrusions into my private life. I just felt it was impossible to exist as an individual — somehow I had become public property.

"Even now if I have an off-day on the pitch the fans are ready to whistle at me, because all the publicity has led them to believe that I'm always going to produce something really special.

'Best Person'

"I know that people have been rating me as the best player in France for some time, but honestly I'm not the best person to judge if that's true or not."

For all Platini's superstar status in France, he was a disappointment in his big chance to establish himself at the highest level during the 1978 World Cup.

"I think we all made the mistake of thinking that we had done enough simply by qualifying for the World Cup Finals, and once we got to Argentina we weren't ambitious enough.

"We also had a lot of problems off the pitch, which made it very difficult to concentrate a hundred per cent on playing good football. But, all in all, I think the younger players like myself learned a lot from that experience — and this will be a great help to us in 1982.



Platini shows his paces for St. Etienne against Hamburger SV in the last round of the U.E.F.A. Cup.

"I know we're in a difficult group with Holland, Belgium and Eire, but I'm absolutely convinced that we will qualify for Spain. And even though we lost 4-1 in West Germany a while back, I think we have a place among the best national sides in Europe at the moment.

"It'll be a disaster if we don't qualify — after all, someone has got to provide some attractive football!"

In the meantime, the 25-year-old midfielder is enjoying an excellent campaign as the driving force of the St. Etienne side that's battling neck-and-neck with Nantes at the top of the French League and that amazed the whole of Europe by hammering ace German side Hamburger SV 0-5 on German soil to clinch a place against Ipswich in the Quarter-Finals of the U.E.F.A. Cup, with Platini's ball-skills, dis-

tribution and goalscoring flair playing a vital role alongside talents such as Johnny Rep, Zimakos and Larios.

"I wouldn't say I'm enjoying my best-ever form at the moment, but that win in Hamburg brought us to the notice of all Europe. It really was the sort of result that you don't see very frequently in the later stages of a European competition.

"But if St. Etienne are making an impact, it's because we have a good and well-balanced squad with all-round strength.

"I wouldn't say we're capable of winning 5-0 in Hamburg every week — games like that, when everything goes perfectly, happen once in every 100,000 matches!

"My top priority this season is to win the U.E.F.A. Cup — and I think most of my team-mates feel the same way. Obviously we're not going to throw in the towel in the League, and we'll be trying hard to pip Nantes to the title.

"St. Etienne have already won the French League on various occasions, whereas no French club has ever won a European title.

'Fear'

"We're well aware that there are some tough teams still left in the U.E.F.A. Cup, and the ones we fear most are AZ 67, Ipswich and Cologne. If we could do a League and U.E.F.A. Cup double that would be a fantastic high-point."

Platini's contract expires this summer. "Yes, according to French regulations, I'll be completely free at the end of the season. I've had approaches from one or two Spanish clubs, and Inter Milan.

"But I wouldn't mind staying at St. Etienne. We're working hard to build a really strong 'superteam'; we're ambitious; and we're always in the running for various titles. What more could I ask?

"I'd like to sign a new three-year contract, and then head for the United States after that. Not for the money — just because it'll be a new experience. Anyway, I know Europe back-to-front already..."

But while Platini claims to know Europe, large portions of Europe still don't know Platini!

In the next 18 months will Michel Platini become a household name all over Europe? Or will he always remain a big fish in a little pool?



Paul Goddard celebrates as captain Billy Bonds (out of pic) nets West Ham's first goal against Timisoara.



EUROPEAN CUP-WINNERS' CUP



West Ham (Castilla 1-3, 5-1; Timisoara 4-0, 0-1)	v	Dynamo Tbilisi (Kastoria 0-0, 2-0; Waterford 1-0, 4-0)
Fort. Dusseldorf (Salzburg 5-0, 3-0; Waterschai 0-0, 1-0)	v	Benfica (Prelim: Izmir 0-0, 4-0; Dynamo Zagreb 0-0, 2-0; Malmo 1-0, 2-0)
Slavia Sofia (Legia Warsaw 3-1, 0-1; Sparta Prague 0-2, 3-0)	v	Feyenoord (Tamper 3-1, 4-2; Hvidovre 2-1, 1-0)
Carl Zeiss Jena (AS Roma 0-3, 4-0; Valencia 3-1, 0-1)	v	Newport County (Crusaders 4-0, 0-0; Haugesund 0-0, 6-0)



UEFA CUP

Grasshoppers (BK Copenhagen 3-1, 5-2; FC Porto 0-2, 3-0; Torino 2-1, 1-2, pens.)	v	FC Sochaux (Servette 2-0, 1-2; Boavista 2-2, 1-0; Ein. Frankfurt 2-4, 2-0)
Standard Liege (Steaua Bucharest 1-1, 2-1; Kaiserslautern 2-1, 2-1; Dynamo Dresden 1-1, 4-1)	v	FC Cologne (Akranes 4-0, 6-0; Barcelona 0-1, 4-0; Stuttgart 1-3, 4-1)
St-Etienne (Kuopio 7-0, 7-0; St. Mirren 0-0, 2-0; Hamburger SV 5-0, 1-0)	v	Ipswich Town (Salonika 5-1, 1-3; Bohemians 3-0, 0-2; Widzew Lodz 5-0, 0-1)
AZ '67 (Differdange 6-0, 4-0; Levski Sofia 1-1, 5-0; Radnicki 2-2, 5-0)	v	Lokeren (Dynamo Moscow 1-2, 1-0; Dundee Utd. 1-1, 0-0; Real Sociedad 1-0, 2-2)

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FOOTBALLS

TO BE WON!

The Adidas Tango Ball was launched in 1978 for the World Cup Finals in Argentina. It is now used extensively at club, national and international level.

Apart from the 1978 World Cup Finals the Tango was also the official ball for the . . . (a) 1979 European Cup Final, (b) the 1980 European Championship in Italy, (c) the 1980 European Cup Final and the (d) Copa de Oro (action below).



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It took a move from the glamorous big-city attractions of Tottenham Hotspur to the comparative obscurity of Third Division Newport County for Mark Kendall to win success.

Within a few months of his move, Kendall is now preparing to play a key part in the little club's battle with the giants, in the Quarter-Finals of the mighty European Cup-Winners' Cup against East Germany's Carl Zeiss Jena.

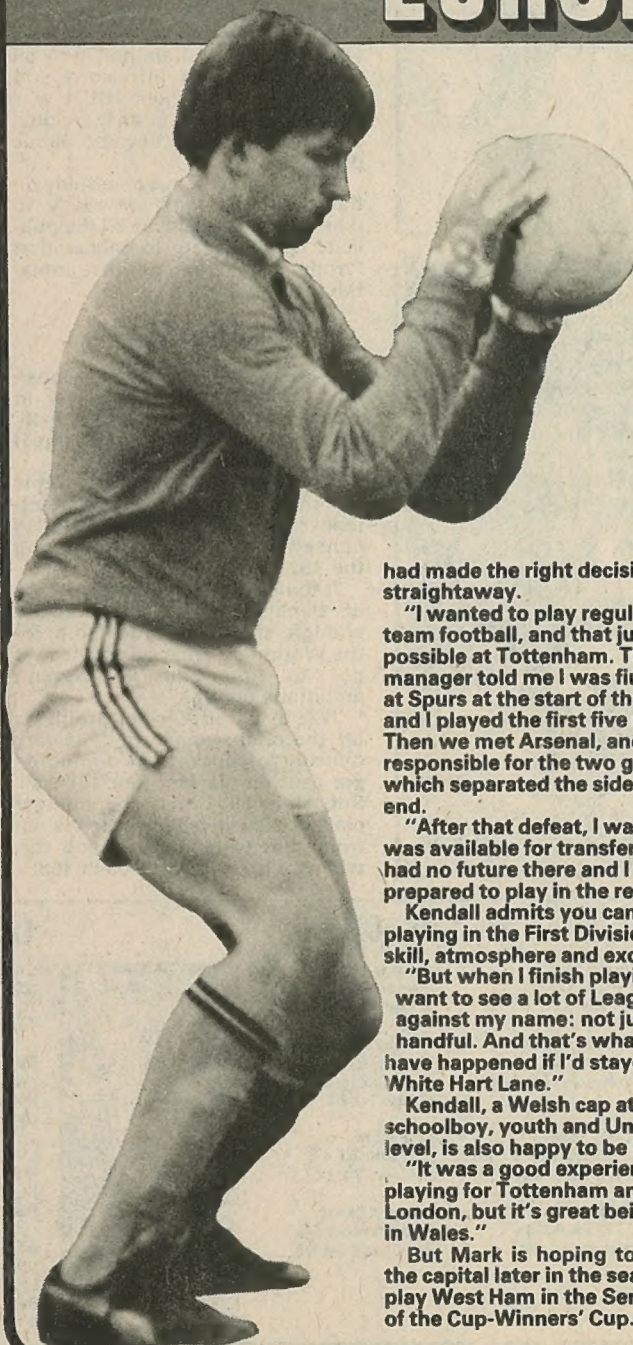
Baffled? It's all been very simple for Mark Kendall. The Welsh lad who was sold off by Spurs for a

paltry £40,000 fee is now the man in possession of the goalkeeping job at Newport, proud winners of last season's Welsh Cup competition.

So Kendall will line-up, injuries permitting, in County's side for their historic appearance in the Cup-Winners' Cup last eight next week. It's a supreme irony — and Kendall can see the joke better than anyone.

"There can't be many players who leave a big city club like Tottenham to play European football for a Third Division team," he laughs. "But I left and I knew I

KENDALL MAKES HIS MARK IN EUROPE



had made the right decision straightaway.

"I wanted to play regular first team football, and that just wasn't possible at Tottenham. The manager told me I was first choice at Spurs at the start of the season and I played the first five matches. Then we met Arsenal, and I was responsible for the two goals which separated the sides at the end.

"After that defeat, I was told I was available for transfer. I knew I had no future there and I wasn't prepared to play in the reserves."

Kendall admits you can't beat playing in the First Division for skill, atmosphere and excitement. "But when I finish playing, I want to see a lot of League games against my name: not just a handful. And that's what would have happened if I'd stayed at White Hart Lane."

Kendall, a Welsh cap at schoolboy, youth and Under-21 level, is also happy to be home.

"It was a good experience playing for Tottenham and living in London, but it's great being back in Wales."

But Mark is hoping to return to the capital later in the season. "To play West Ham in the Semi-Finals of the Cup-Winners' Cup."



KEVIN- UNPREDICTABLE AS A JUMPING CRACKER

IF Kevin Keegan has any misgivings about the sort of reception he'll receive on his return to Anfield, the scene of his many earlier triumphs, this Saturday with Southampton, I can put his mind at rest.

The Liverpool fans will give him the same standing ovation with which they greeted another former great Merseyside Red, Emllyn Hughes, on the occasion he came back to play against us after his transfer to Wolves.

The majority of our supporters are mindful of the tremendous service that Kevin, "King of the Kop" before Kenny Dalglish, gave them during six memorable years in which he played a starring role in the capture of a string of top trophies, culminating in the European Cup.

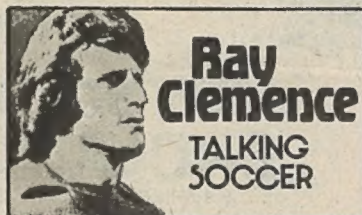
Charity Work

There was a great bond between Kevin and the fans. He'd always make time to sign autographs, and to do charity work, such as visit hospitals and homes for the disabled.

A sign of his popularity was being voted "Merseyside's Sports Personality of the Year" twice — the first person to achieve that honour.

Only a small minority of fans felt Kevin should have stayed at the club that gave him his big chance and a place in the Football League's Hall of Fame.

They refused to appreciate Kevin's view that he had achieved



everything he'd aimed for in his spell at Anfield, and needed a new challenge.

I know from talking to him that the lure of a bigger salary and bonuses and a share of his transfer fee was strictly secondary.

In fact, he was absolutely amazed after his switch to Hamburger SV in West Germany at the enormous difference between the financial rewards.

Kevin is the type of player who needs the stimulus of a fresh challenge to prevent himself from becoming stale.

And there was no way at the time in 1977 the Liverpool board could allow him to go to another League club, so the only option was a move to the Continent.

Although he'd run his course at Liverpool, Kevin was determined to develop his international career and insisted on the inclusion of a clause in his contract with Hamburger SV that guaranteed his release for England games.

He's proved to be an inspiration to the England players, both on and off the field, and under his leadership I'm sure we'll qualify for the

1982 World Cup Finals in Spain.

Not only is Kevin a world-class player, he has definite charisma, crowd appeal, so it's no wonder he's in demand to boost the sales of various products, from football boots to deodorants.

But he'll never allow those commercial interests to interfere with his game, as some critics have suggested. Kevin will always put football first.

When he decided to return to England to play in our League, many fans were surprised and disappointed he didn't re-sign for Liverpool. But people inside the game, like me, knew he regarded it as a backwards step.

Instead, he signed for Lawrie McMenemy, manager of Southampton, a club very different from Liverpool, a club that so far has achieved comparatively little yet has tremendous potential.

From what I've heard about Mr. McMenemy from Kevin, he is the type of manager I would like to play for: with a thorough knowledge of the game, and most important, of

he's on the look-out for another one.

As Saints have so many players who like to go forward and try for goal — like Kevin — I can safely give a guarantee that this Saturday's game will be one full of end-to-end movement.

This is one game at Anfield where I'll be so busy there's no fear of losing concentration.

Kevin will certainly want to put on the style and eclipse completely the memory of his last competitive game at Anfield, when we thrashed Hamburger SV 6-0 in the second-leg of the Super Cup.

He partly got over that defeat when he joined some of his old mates — Dennis Tueart, Mike Channon, Dave Johnson and myself — on a gentle tour of Liverpool's clubs and pubs where he was greeted like a returning hero.

Making special plans to counter Kevin on Saturday would be futile, as he is an instinctive player capable of producing tricks never seen before.

He's as unpredictable as a jump-

ing cracker.

Our Championship hopes have been dimmed by a run of bad results, but we need both points from this game to take out insurance cover for Europe next year, in case we fail to win the European Cup or League Cup.

The following week we face CSKA Sofia at home in the Quarter-Finals of the European Cup competition. Conquerors of Nottingham Forest in the First Round, they are preferable opponents at this stage to the big guns from Western Europe: Inter-Milan, Real Madrid and Bayern Munich.

I know very little about the Bulgarians apart from that they are the Army team, concede few goals and have players capable of taking advantage of the slightest opportunity to score.

In our favour is their lack of match practice due to a mid-winter shut-down of their League; against is being drawn at home in the first-leg.

Ideally we must get two or three goals in front to allow us to give away a goal in Sofia and still go through to the last four.

Our experience of European competitions has taught us to think more in terms of aggregate scores than winning and losing.

What motivates a player and how to get the best out of him.

As I suspected, Kevin's arrival at Southampton has caused opponents to treat them with more respect and try harder. In turn, the increased pressure has stimulated Saints' team.

It was marvellous to see Kevin and his wife Jean before the League match at The Dell in September and to catch up with each other's news. Saints gave us a hard game and we were well pleased to come away with a point after a 2-2 draw.

'Dangerous'

I was interested to read in a preview to Southampton's F.A. Cup-tie against Everton a comment from Peter Eastoe: "Their two most dangerous players are Charlie George and Kevin Keegan, in that order."

Personally I would reverse Peter's ratings. Kevin is far more consistent than Charlie over a season, for although the London lad can be brilliant, he has off days.

Saints have the blend of youth and experience that can be the hallmark of a team destined to go on to great things.

Only one position seems to give Mr. McMenemy problems: that of 'keeper. He's tried Peter Wells, at Nottingham Forest when my mate Peter Shilton first arrived there; Ivan Katalinic from Yugoslavia; and Terry Gennoe. I've heard rumours

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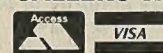
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PETER Anderson had just arrived in his office after his first day off since becoming player-manager of Millwall in December. His desk was piled high with letters; there was just enough room for a cup of tea. "Smashing, isn't it?" he said. It was more a statement of fact than a question. "I love it. All this (he spreads his hands over the desk) is marvellous."

The phone rang. It was a local reporter wanting to know if Anderson would be fining himself for being booked for dissent on Saturday.

"I'll think about it. Depends if the other lads remember!"

In Tampa, you can sunbathe in the Floridean sunshine for nine or ten months a year. You can plan barbecues without having to pray for good weather. The Tampa Bay Rowdies are America's number two club after the Cosmos. Peter's apartment in the city would take your breath away.

So what made him swop all that for life as a Lion tamer at the infamous Den?

"I wanted to be a manager. I had become disillusioned with the Rowdies, who treated me very badly in the end. The only thing I miss about Tampa is my girlfriend, Kitty."

The logical conclusion from Anderson's appointment at Millwall is that Tampa coach Gordon Jago, a former Lions boss, arranged it. Wrong. Jago had nothing at all to do with the deal. In fact, if you want your party to go off well, you'd be best advised not

should be disgusted about this. They were.

"I'm now thinking in terms of promotion next season. The senior professionals — John Jackson, Mel Blyth, Barry Kitchener and John Mitchell — have been superb. I was told this and that about the Millwall players before I took the job. Everything's gone like a dream, though."

At 31, Anderson can give experience in midfield and enthusiasm off the park. Millwall is a happy place these days.

He learnt a lot in the States, just as he did with Luton, Antwerp and Sheffield United.

"We may only be a small club, but my players are treated better than those at Tampa. When we toured England last year we had two pounds a day spending money and had to do our own laundry."

"Gordon Jago said a lot of nice things about me when I left, yet I don't remember him praising me when I was there. He pleaded with me once to play in two away games when I was injured. I did, but when we lost and I was made



**Chris
Davies
meets...**



PETER ANDERSON enjoying life with The Lions

to invite both Peter Anderson and Gordon Jago.

"It was Mr. Burr, a Millwall director, who recommended me. He was a director at Luton when I was there and must have remembered me."

When Anderson arrived at The Den they were staring Division Four in the face. Now, a couple of months later, the threat of relegation is becoming less by the week. Anderson refuses to take the credit.

"They're the same players who got into the mess in the first place. All I've done is to change their attitude. I want my players to be proud to play for Millwall. I want them to die for the club."

"Why are Liverpool so successful? Okay, they have good players but their attitude is right. They want to win. It is simply because their approach is spot on."

"I put one player on the list when it was clear he was messing around. The rest of the boys have responded magnificently. When we won at Chester it was our first away win of the season. I told them that with their talent they



the scapegoat he didn't stick up for me. One week he'd tell me he was keeping me, the next that I was up for transfer. You could say I left Tampa very bitter."

Anderson will return to Tampa early in May, where he will be reunited with Kitty. The pair will travel back to England in July. Don't expect to see any American players at Millwall, though.

'Best Player'

"They're spoilt. They have it too good. The best North American player is Wes McLeod of the Rowdies, but I doubt if he'd survive in the First Division here."

"Out there, it's not so much how well you play, but how well in you are with the journalists that determines whether you get good write-ups. I was honest and told one reporter what I thought. That was it for me."

Anderson is aware how vital Press relationships are to Millwall. One American idea he has

introduced is to allow the Press into the Millwall dressing-room after games. "If they want to speak to any player they can."

He is excited by the proposed new stadium, which will help Millwall's image. Ten minutes in his company will convince you that Millwall are the greatest club in the world, which they are to him.

I hope Anderson succeeds. I think he will. He's as honest a person as I've met in the game. Eavesdropping on his players' chit-chat will tell you he's already won their respect.

He's never been so happy. "Even if it all ended tomorrow I'd have no regrets."

Anderson smiles as he recalls the first time he played at The Den, with Luton. "We won and I scored two goals. I was only young and couldn't wait to buy the papers the next day. Do you know what happened? They were all on strike . . ."

I have a feeling that by the end of his contract, in the summer of 1982, the papers will be writing a lot about the 'new' Millwall. Strikes permitting, of course.

John Mitchell, one of the experienced players at Millwall.

Everton's 'Mike Yarwood'



EVERTON full-back John Bailey is the joker of the Goodison dressing-room. He eases pre-match tension with wisecracks and impersonations which have his teammates falling about — especially take-offs of Liverpool's Ray Clemence and former Anfield idol Emlyn Hughes.

Says John: "I get nervous before games and this is a way of hiding my feelings and helping the other lads overcome their butterflies, too."

PAUL BRADSHAW, the former Burnley and Sheffield Wednesday winger who was forced from the game by injury two years ago, when in his mid-20's, has been spending much of his time coaching youngsters.

Top professionals have rallied to his Pro-Soccer Camp in South Yorkshire which this year includes a week solely devoted to aspiring goalkeepers (full details in next week's issue).

"It will be interesting," he said, "to see how much the youngsters improve under the guidance of Bob Bolder (Sheffield Wednesday), Chris Turner (Sunderland) and Jim McDonagh (Everton)."

NEWS DESK

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LAWRIE McMENEMY, manager of Southampton, the League's top scoring side and the only team with a 100 per cent record in January, was named Bell's Scotch Whisky Manager of the Month.

McMenemy, whose seventh Bell's award this is, receives a gallon bottle of Scotch and £250.

Newcastle's manager ARTHUR COX receives his first Bell's award as Division Manager of the Month in Division Two.

MIKE BAILEY wins his second Division Three award in four months and PETER MORRIS of Peterborough claims the Division Four award.

SOCCER fans in Sutherland had a goal feast in the local North of Scotland Cup derby between non-League Gospie and Highland League neighbours Brora when the visiting Brora side slammed 14 goals into the home net without reply.

'IT'S BRIGHTON FOR RELEGATION'

NORWICH defender Tony Powell believes the Norfolk club have got what it takes to win their fight for First Division survival.

But that is bad news for Brighton, because he also believes it is a straight battle between the Canaries and the Seagulls as to who goes down.

He said: "It appears that we have a straight fight on our hands to do better than Brighton. It is ultra important therefore that we win all our home games."

The former Bournemouth man has had a hard time of it this season, rarely being able to add a consistent run of games to his total of more than 400 League appearances for two clubs.

And his consistency has been badly missed in the Norwich defence where injuries and upsets have led to chopping and changing almost week by week.

"In recent games we have been unlucky and often gone down by just the odd goal when we deserved a point," he said, shrugging aside his knee ligament problems that led to an operation last autumn as just one of those things.

But he remains optimistic: "The morale and team spirit is not that of a team weighed down by relegation fears. We know it is a matter of just working hard in every single match for the rest of the season."

● Norwich City and Chelsea, whose paths could cross if they change divisions during the close season, are certain to meet up together during May.

Both clubs have entered into a triangular tournament in Florida where they will play with North American Soccer League favourites Ford Lauderdale Strikers, a team that includes Peru's Cubillas and West Germany's Gerd Muller.

Norwich have initiated a novel holiday scheme for their fans. For a combined price of £369 per person, they are invited to fly out with the Canaries and enjoy the 14 days of sunshine and football.

● Glentoran striker Gary Blackledge has set a new personal best goalscoring record this term.

His twosome in Glens' 2-0 home win over Ballymena took his tally to 27, two more than his previous best, as a Portadown player, in 1976-77.

● Shock home defeats in 1st Round Irish F.A. Cup-ties led to managerial changes at Bangor and Larne.

Bangor boss Billy Johnston was sacked after losing 2-1 to Newry Town. Then, 24 hours later, Larne supremo Thanny Brush quit following their 1-0 replay by Carrick Rangers.

SUPERMAC CONDEMNS MANAGERS



NEW Fulham manager Malcolm Macdonald has had some harsh things to say about some of the bosses he played under.

Macdonald says: "I learned something from all of them but in some cases, it was mainly what you should NOT do as a manager. Gordon Lee (Everton) was the main one from that category, perhaps with Terry Neill (Arsenal) as another one from that grouping."

"Gordon Lee taught me how NOT to take training. It should

be interesting, not boring, and there were other things. He had favourite players and didn't speak to others — I knew I should never do that if I became a manager."

Who do the senior Fulham players think Macdonald reminds them of as a young manager? Full-back Les Strong says: "He's remarkably like a young Alec Stock."

Macdonald's reply? "I'm surprised — I didn't think I was like him but he's a man I greatly respect."

Steve socks 'em

WARNING to First Division defenders... leading scorer Steve Archibald has got yet another lucky mascot. The superstitious Spurs striker has taken to wearing odd socks in matches to help him find the net. Steve regards one of the socks as being very lucky and wears it on different feet in games — and swears he always scores with the foot clad in the precious material. After every match, he always wraps the sock carefully and puts it away in a drawer after it has been washed. And Steve swears by his sock. "It has definitely worked for me so far this season," he says.

IT'S not unusual for players to demand contract talks with managers.

But how many go in to ask for an extension of their current contract? That's what happened when David Hawker and Peter Skipper knocked on manager Billy Elliott's door at Darlington.

The players, who were signed in the summer, say they asked for the extension because they believe there is a bright future at the club.

Elliott says: "It was a big surprise, but a great boost to the club that the players believe we're on the right lines."

WHEN Celtic played their Scottish Cup Third Round match at Berwick they were making their first visit to the Shieffield ground — 45 years late.

The Glasgow club were drawn to visit Berwick in the same competition way back in 1936. But Berwick agreed to scratch after accepting a cheque for £100 and a friendly match at Celtic Park later in the season. The ploy did not do Celtic much good — they lost 2-1 to St. Johnstone in the next round.

Anfield boob?

HAVE mighty Liverpool boobed — for once — by letting 19-year-old striker Jimmy Williams leave Anfield on a free transfer? The question is being asked because Jimmy, now with Northern Premier League side Oswestry, is attracting the scouts in droves through his scoring feats.

Everton, Wolves, Bolton and Oxford are among the clubs checking on Williams, who notched eight goals in his first ten games with Oswestry. But the club are not prepared to let him slip through their fingers cheaply — they want at least £60,000 for him.

IAN PAUL FADES

IAN Paul played a leading role in Walsall gaining promotion to the Third Division at the first attempt last season.

He was a player with a bright future, but has been missing from the Walsall line-up for most of the season.

Recently he went into hospital for a check-up and was detained for treatment.

Now he is hoping that the trouble will be cleared up in a few weeks and that he can begin to look forward to picking up a soccer career that is still full of promise.

THE doctors who helped Britain's first £1 million footballer, Trevor Francis, back to full fitness after the Nottingham Forest and England international player severed an Achilles tendon are to run a new sports injury clinic at Nottingham General Hospital.

The clinic, which will cost £15,000 a year to run, was officially opened by Forest manager Brian Clough, who was

accompanied by Francis and Dr. Mike Hudson of the Sports Clinic and Forest's medical officer.

The clinic is modelled on a similar facility which opened at the Bristol Royal Infirmary last September, since when there has been a growing interest in the concept of such clinics and in involving official sporting bodies and business interests in their provision.



CHARLTON'S 'FAMILY' PLAN

AMBITIOUS plans to turn Charlton Athletic's ground into the first all-seater soccer stadium in the country have been unveiled.

Work has started on installing 7,000 new seats under the covered accommodation behind both goals. The £250,000 scheme should be completed before the end of the season.

Chairman Mr Michael Gliksten said: "I am confident that the fans will return and we feel we are setting the right example with these proposals. We want to cut hooliganism and encourage families."

PEOPLE accusing professional footballers of greed should study the magnanimous gesture of a Swindon Town footballer.

Chris Kamara is giving up an afternoon every week to coach unemployed football fans in the town.

The 23-year-old midfielder, who captains the club, holds a two-hour coaching session and five-a-side. Response has been very good so far — with youngsters from 16 to men of 50 turning up.

Says Chris: "This is one way of putting something back that I have had out of the game. It is a good way for people without work to forget their worries for a while."

Man. City youth star's a hit

ASK most Manchester City fans who Peter Barry is and you will receive a blank stare.

Yet this former Maine Road youth player is making a good living out of playing football.

Peter, aged 25, is spending his fourth season in the Portuguese First Division and enjoying his game in the sun.

A Salford lad, he played as an amateur in the same City side as Kenny Clements, Ged Keegan and Dennis Leman and won a Lancashire Youth

Cup winners' medal.

But when he was on the verge of signing professional a knee injury put him out of action for more than nine months.

He played in local amateur Leagues for a while to strengthen his knee and then went to Jersey to work as a barman.

Local Portuguese First Division side Maritimo, of Funchal signed him in October, 1977, and last season he signed for Algarve side Portimonense.

SUPERSKILLS, the scheme for youngsters to develop their basic skills, produced a record crop of award winners last year. 47,036 young people won awards, 9,000 more than the previous year.

JIM CANNON has always been an uncompromising defender for Crystal Palace. But he has never resorted to rough-house tactics on the pitch. He saves that for the gymnasium and an occasional opportunity to demonstrate his prowess at judo. Jim is seen getting to grips with Chris Bowles, one of Britain's judo experts at the Moscow Olympics.



NEIL THOMAS' eyes sparkle brightly as he watches the midfield talents of his Tottenham hero Glenn Hoddle. Nothing special about that until it is revealed that Neil's sight has recently been restored by surgeons. He was born blind six years ago, but became the VIP guest of Tottenham at their home game against Leeds United to commemorate his miracle cure. Neil sits happily alongside his father, Ken, 37 of Seaf, Kent, who went blind in 1955. Ken, too, has the benefit of good eyesight after surgery.



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SHOOT/ADMIRAL COMPETITION RESULT

WE saw 1980 out with a great competition in which we asked you to answer three questions about England stars Trevor Brooking and Glenn Hoddle. The correct answers to these questions were:

1. Bulgaria; 2. His 41st appearance; 3. Spain.

Senders of the six nearest correct entries, with age taken in to account, each win an Admiral England tracksuit, they are:

Darren Crosby, Nottingham; Alan Flynn, Peterborough; Mark Griffin, Buntingford; Edward Hart, York; Mark McCoy, Pershore; Garry Pickering, Barry.

For Soccer Monthly CANON CAMERA WINNER

WINNER of the Canon camera offered in our October issue was Mr. Stuart Ross of Kingswinford, W. Midlands.

HOW COULD YOU, REF?

AN amusing anecdote was related by manager David Pleat in the Luton programme after an incident in the home game with Preston.

Pleat wrote: "Talking of physiotherapists reminds me of our game with Preston when John Sheridan and Harry Hubick rushed on to attend to the referee who had been knocked out."

"Their careful attention enabled him to continue. Five minutes later a Preston player was writhing in agony and Harry burst on to the pitch from the trainer's box to give him attention."

"Mr. Bidmead gave him a dressing down. Harry walked crestfallen to the box and said quietly: 'That's the last time I'll treat a referee.'"

Briefly...

● Less than a fortnight after returning to Halifax Town, one of his former clubs, full-back Bobby Flavell was sacked after refusing to travel with the team to Bournemouth.

Flavell, a considerable success at The Shay during his first spell which followed a period with Burnley, joined Chesterfield for £30,000 and then Barnsley, but he had been out of first team football for some time prior to signing for George Kirby again at Halifax.

When he refused to go to Bournemouth he was suspended by Kirby, and

the following Monday was told to collect his cards.

● West Ham skipper Billy Bonds made his 600th first team appearance for the club in their League Cup Semi-Final second-leg clash against Coventry City at Upton Park.

● Fourth Division Torquay United have appointed a track-suited chaplain, the Rev. Andrew Taggart.

● Vancouver Whitecaps will commence their pre-season training in Dublin on March 1st. During their 11-day stay in Ireland, the Canadians will play friendlies against Shamrock Rovers and UCD.

On March 11th the training camp moves to

Bisham Abbey and games against Watford, Sheffield Wednesday or Barnsley are planned.

● The Hibernian Supporters Association have chosen goalkeeper Jim McArthur as their player of the year for 1980. The popular McArthur narrowly edged out forward Gordon Rae in a poll of local branches.

● Leicester skipper Mark Wallington would like to win two Cups. One at Wembley with the Filbert Street men — and the other for vegetable growing. For goalie Mark is a keen gardener when he is not stopping shots between the post. He has bought an allotment near his home and spends as much spare

time there as possible. He says: "So far I've won several first prizes at shows with my produce. But I've only rosettes and certificates — so I'm aiming for a cup."

● Matt McPhee celebrated his 500th competitive game for Scottish First Division Stirling Albion by scoring a last minute winner for the 'Reds' at East End Park against fellow relegation candidates Dunfermline Athletic.

● Waterford recently played their 1,000th League game, losing 2-0 to St Patrick's Athletic. They now join Shamrock Rovers, Bohemians, Shelbourne and Dundalk as members of the 1,000 game club.

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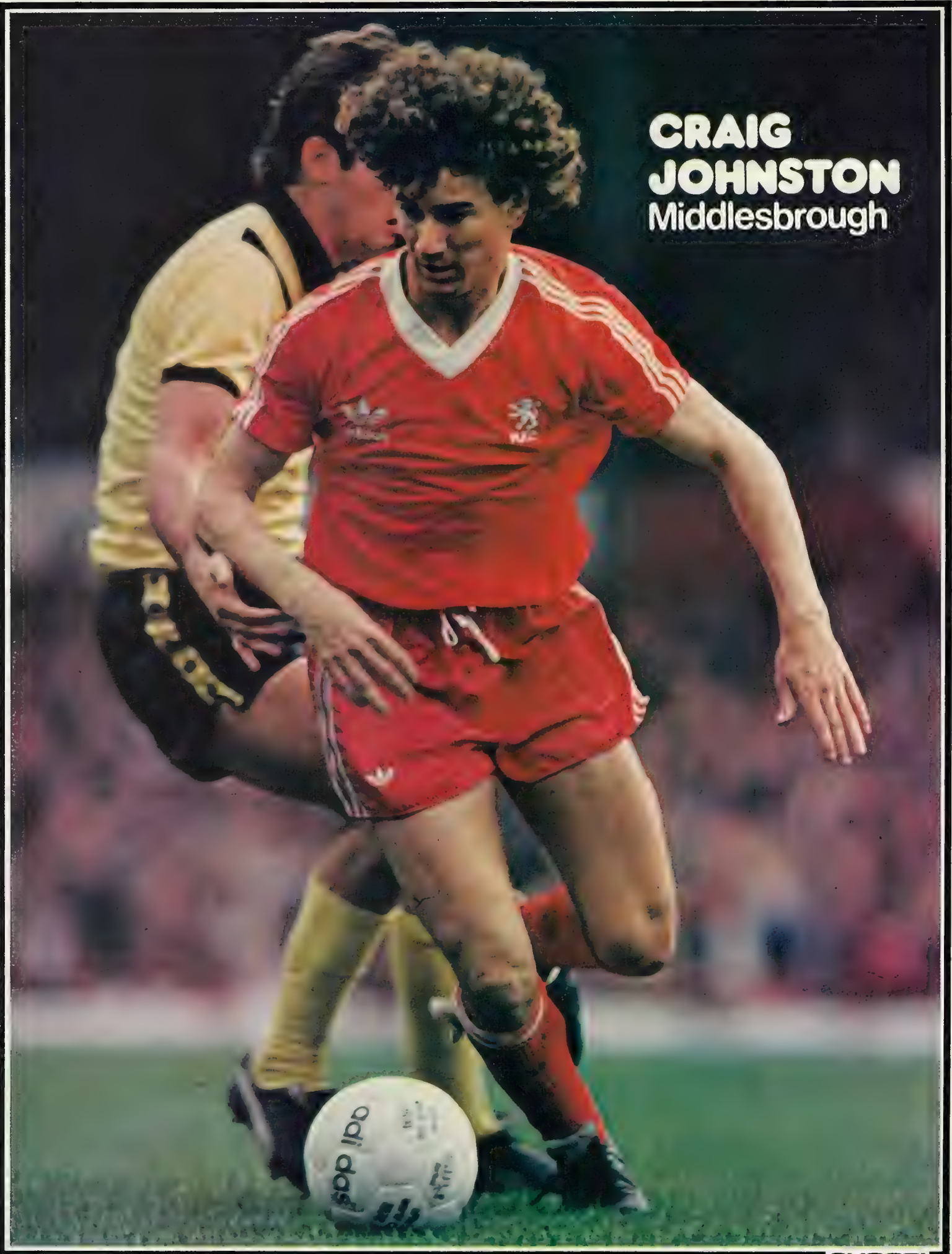


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The West Brom goalscoring problem

WEST Bromwich Albion's recent defeat of Championship challengers Liverpool has confirmed skipper John Wile's belief that his side are good enough to take on the best of Europe next season.

Says John: "Although the Championship is probably beyond our grasp now, I expect us to maintain our position in the top five and bring European football back to The Hawthorns."

Such optimism has only been made possible by the solution to a problem which surprisingly beset an attack-minded Albion side in the early stages of the season —

defensive changes that have taken place during the past decade.

He says: "When I started my career, clubs were still using only one centre-half in contrast to the twin centre-backs system popular with teams today. If anything, the modern method probably makes my game a little easier."

"Previously, as a single centre-half, I would close-mark a particular player, the opposing centre-forward, and stay with him throughout the 90 minutes. Now, with two centre-halves, only one may have to carry out a specific 'marking' job — the other acts as cover."

"If I'm playing in a match as cover and the opposing forwards are not operating down my side of the field, I could go through an entire game without making many direct tackles."

'Problems'

"Even somebody with my experience still comes up against all sorts of problems in the centre of defences. It's been particularly encouraging to monitor the progress of young Martyn Bennett in defence this season. I have the know-how and Martyn provides the younger legs!"

With 1981 his testimonial year, John would like to mark the event by helping Albion to finish ahead of the other Midland clubs in the League race.

"This looks like being a particularly good season for teams in our part of the world. Obviously Aston Villa are going to take some catching, but I reckon we can finish above Nottingham Forest if we can keep going strong."

"Having been born in the North-East, I enjoy playing my football in surroundings that have plenty of atmosphere, and the Midlands, like Geordieland, is a soccer hot-bed."

"Being with West Bromwich helps to keep players on their toes, which is one of the reasons why I reckon we can gain a place in the top four."

"I feel that we have to make up for our fall-off in form last term, which was such a disappointment to us, and notable for the number of injuries we had."

"This season, we've been luckier so far, with only Derek Statham a real casualty with a troublesome hamstring — so everything seems set for us to have a real go to stay up among the leaders."



Albion skipper John Wile (left) has been pleased by the return to form of winger Peter Barnes (above).

that of scoring goals on a regular basis.

"Before Christmas, I reckon we were creating six or seven scoring chances in most of our matches — yet out of those chances we were lucky if we found the net once, or twice at the most."

"But then we got three goals against Manchester United in December and haven't looked back since. We proved to ourselves we had finishing ability."

"Peter Barnes has recaptured his peak form after having had a rough ride in previous months, while behind him, Remi Moses and Gary Owen are once again showing their class."

"Remi is starting to cash in on the knowledge he picked up last term, and Gary is settling down with us following a spell when things didn't always go right for him."

In Wile's own position of centre-half, where he has been consistent for more than ten years for Albion, he has adapted successfully to the

FOOTBALL arguments continue to rage about why attendances are dropping at games up and down the country with remarkable consistency.

I think we've all heard the points for and against, and I don't want to dwell too much on things such as cost, crowd violence, drink and so on. But I've also heard it said that there are not enough young, colourful players coming into today's game and there is just no way I can agree with that.

'SCOTLAND'S WHIZZ KIDS'

I'm not only talking about Rangers. One swift look through the Divisions in Scotland shows a healthy conveyor belt of players who are being introduced to the big time.

These young fellows are being thrown in at the deep end when soccer faces its so-called crisis and I think they should be applauded for coping with a man-sized job.

If you don't mind, I'll start with my own club. In recent years we have introduced the likes of Ally Dawson, Robert Russell and John MacDonald. Those lads are barely in their 20's, yet they are all first team regulars at Ibrox and I would tip John and Robert to go on and emulate Ally by representing their country at full international level.

Potential

And there are other youngsters also pushing for regular spots. Take a note of the name Billy Davies. What potential this young lad has. Honestly, it takes my breath away just to watch him training.

He is one of those talented kids who can keep the ball in the air for hours and his trickery is also evident on the football pitch. I got my first good look at him in the midst of the action in Canada during the close season and I thought he came through extremely well.

Billy played against Italian side Ascoli and did so well that former



Robert Russell and Partick's Jamie Doyle (stripes, right) are just two of the young lads making a good impression in Scottish soccer.



Tartan Talk
DEREK JOHNSTONE

World Cup star Pietro Anastasi sought him out after the game to present him with his shirt and tell him that he had a great future in the game. No one is going to argue with such a shrewd judge as Pietro!

Across the road at Parkhead, Celtic, too, have some exciting young players coming through the ranks. I won't talk too much about the likes of Charlie Nicholas, Mark Reid or John Weir ... I'll leave that to SHOOT team-mate Danny McGrain. Suffice to say, though, that they are good players with a lot in front of them.

Partick Thistle have played well in their games against us this season and they, too, have some superb youngsters. The versatile Jamie

Doyle does a tremendous job for them and striker George Clark has looked sharp in some of his first team outings.

St. Mirren also have some class youngsters coming through. Billy Stark, Lex Richardson, Mark Fulton and Peter Weir have all made their impact and they also have a young lad called Alan Logan knocking on the door to get a place in the attack.

Aberdeen seem to have a whole army of youngsters fighting to get into the thick of the fray. Ian Angus, Neil Simpson, John Hewitt and Derek Hamilton are just four of the Pittodrie babes to look out for and, of course, manager Alex Ferguson has further strengthened his first team squad by paying out something like £65,000 to Luton for striker Andy Harrow.

I could go through the entire Premier Division selecting young players who have the talent and class to go all the way, but I won't.

I'll leave it, though, by saying there is absolutely nothing wrong with the players that are coming into today's game.

Tommy Docherty once said that Scotland was second only to Brazil in unearthing real soccer talent, and I don't think that has changed.

Football dying? You must be joking ... not with these players around.

I still think soccer is good value for money and that fact was surely underlined when Dunfermline played Hibs in a Scottish Cup replay at East End Park last month. I watched the game on video at home and it's one tape I won't be scrubbing for a long, long time.

It was an enthralling Cup-tie with



action all the way, and Hibs just scraped through with a goal in extra-time.

I realise times are hard and money is short, but I don't think you can beat a good, old rip-roaring football match for real entertainment.

Come to think of it, one 3-3 Cup draw at St. Johnstone wasn't exactly boring!

Keep cheering and supporting and I'll see you all in a fortnight ...

Derek Johnstone

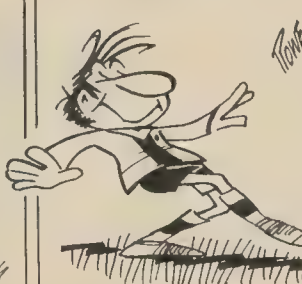
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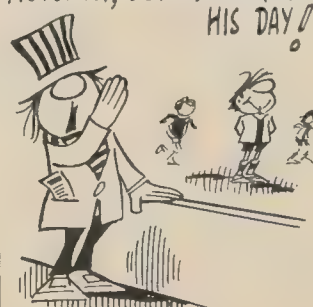
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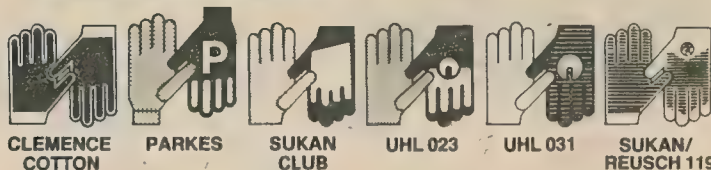
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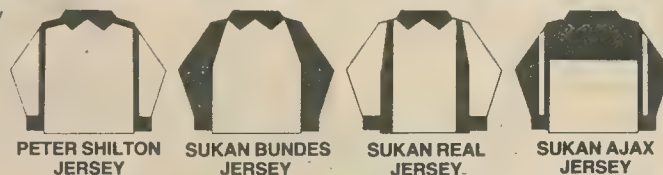
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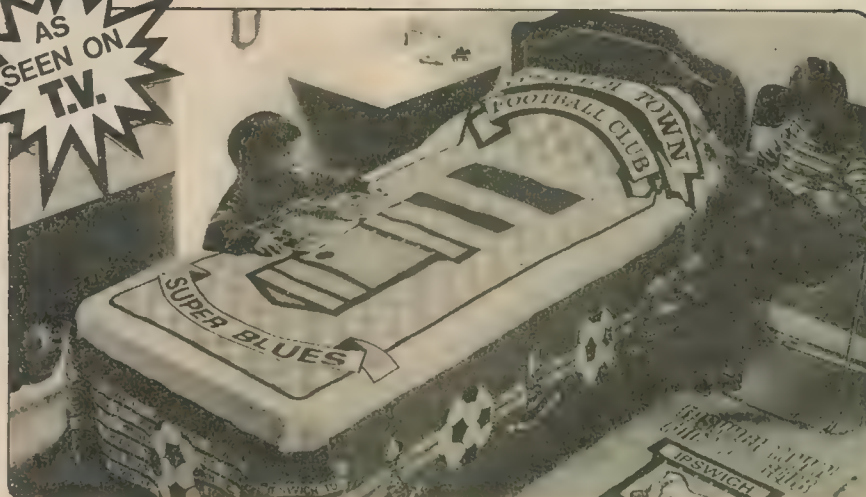
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Victory for the Scots against Iceland in a Professional Youth International. McCoist played a big part in that win.

the glamour side of football, starring with the Scottish Professional Youth team in Iceland — where he scored a vital goal — and in a prestige tournament in Monaco.

He is certain to be a key player when the teenage Scots compete in the European Finals in West Germany this summer.

He points out: "I loved being away with the youth team, and it's good to play against different nationalities and try to pick up on things from them. But I know that I'm still learning the game.

"There is a lot for me to do and luckily the manager at Perth, Alex Rennie, and the players have been great to me. There is no chance of getting carried away with publicity or anything like that.

"I don't let it worry me, but the lads give me a bit of stick at times. You know how prices have been quoted of £150,000 and all that — well, I try to forget it but the lads kid me. Especially if I've made a bad pass or done something wrong. Then you should hear them

"As I say, they won't let me get

Arsenal chase McCoist

WHEN midfield youngster Ally McCoist signed for St. Johnstone in November, 1978, it was just a couple of days before he was set to have signing talks with Rangers, the team he had supported while at school.

Now, after turning down that chance McCoist, the Scottish youth international, has become one of the most watched players in the Scottish First Division.

Week after week scouts from England have been looking at him and weighing up the talents which have turned him into the Perth club's biggest scoring star in seasons.

And it could be that Rangers, themselves, who have watched McCoist, will return to try again for the kid they lost. If they do, though, they will be faced by opposition from half a dozen top English sides including Liverpool, Arsenal and Aston Villa.

Content

While all the transfer talk goes on McCoist, the 18-year-old from East Kilbride near Glasgow, is content to play in front of a few thousand spectators at Muirton Park.

He says simply: "I'm happy to leave my future in the hands of the club because they have been so good to me.

"Honestly, when I was a kid I supported Rangers and sometimes St. Mirren but I felt that I would get a chance to play senior football quicker if I went to a smaller club.

"That's why I joined St. Johnstone instead of going to Ibrox for that interview. I just worried in case I would get lost a bit with Rangers.

"At Perth I was playing almost

Following the success of Steve Archibald (below) at Tottenham, St. Johnstone's Ally McCoist (right) could be the next big money move from Scotland.



straight away and I think that has been the best thing for my career."

It's what he does with the rest of that career — and it could be a glittering one which stretches out ahead of him — that is the interest for the scouts who flock to see St. Johnstone in every game.

One thing is sure, McCoist wants to be a full time footballer. He knows that eventually he will have to leave the club which gave him his chance.

Already the teenager has tasted

big time at all. I suppose, though, I'd like to play in English football some day. There is a challenge to it and so many Scots have been able to go down there and do well.

"That appeals to me, I must admit. But I have an open mind about all that.

"What I want to do is carry on learning the trade with St. Johnstone and maybe even help them to promotion.

"It would also be great if we could win the European Youth Championship. It means a lot to play for your country and I suppose that is the one ambition which is very firm and very clear in my mind. I would love to be good enough to play for Scotland in a full international some day."

That may take some time, but at 18 time is a commodity McCoist has plenty of. Certainly his future will be bright no matter where a transfer finally carries him.

If it is to England then the Muirton babe will become the highest priced player ever to leave St. Johnstone. And he will have the satisfaction of knowing that the money from his transfer will help stabilise the presently unfashionable Perth club.

Saints remember their glory days of not so long ago when Willie Ormond was boss and he guided them to a League Cup Final and a place in European football. They would like these days to return but McCoist, sadly, may not be there to enjoy them.

He does say, however: "Even the recovery we made from our bad start in the League and then the Cup game with Rangers brought the club back into the limelight. I'm just happy to help them because of the opportunity they gave me."

BARNSLEY goalkeeper Gary Pierce is convinced that the fierce inter-Yorkshire rivalry currently raging at the top of the Third Division will help his side achieve their second promotion in three seasons.

"We are determined to finish above neighbours Rotherham and Huddersfield, because local pride counts for a lot in this part of the world," he says.

"I don't want to write off anybody, but I fancy Charlton and Chesterfield to go up with us at the end of the season.

"Confidence at Oakwell is sky-high, and the massive unbeaten run we have enjoyed has only helped us to improve all the time.

"When you get into a winning streak, you don't think you are ever going to lose and, coupled with our F.A. Cup run when we enjoyed quite a bit of national publicity, things couldn't have gone



Barnsley play for Mars bars

better for us.

"Last season was a period of consolidation for us in the Third Division, but now we have found our feet and things have been going better than we ever dared to hope for.

"The fans have been wanting success for ages and now we're trying to give it to them. We've got fantastic support and we're pulling in around 15,000 every week now.

"Allan Clarke started it all off. He took the club from the Fourth to the Third and there were 22,000 people here for the last game of the 1978-79 season when promotion was clinched.

"I don't know what it's going to be like this year, especially if promotion hinges on the final match and we need two points to sew it all up."

Pierce, born in Bury and formerly with Huddersfield and Wolves, continues: "There are some good players here. In defence there's Welsh international Ian Evans, who came from Crystal Palace last March. Playing alongside him is 19-year-old Mick McCarthy, whom I rate as the best centre-half in the Third Division. His form is absolutely brilliant.

"Full-back Joe Joyce is another teenager and he recently won a young player of the month award. He partners the reliable Phil Chambers.

"We went six League games without letting a goal in, then we were a goal down in 80 seconds in the Third Round of the F.A. Cup against Torquay before coming back to win 2-1.

"But the defence has a lot to do

with how I perform. You feel confident if the back four are playing well. It runs through the side.

"Really I'm a newcomer to the team this season. I didn't get a place until we played Fulham on November 29th. Martin New played in goal before that and his performances have been out of this world.

"To my way of thinking he's the best goalkeeper in this League. He played Portsmouth on his own when we won 1-0 at Fratton Park.

"We have a situation here where you can't afford to be injured or suspended. Martin and I really are battling for that first team place. If you miss a match there's always someone to step in and take your place.

"We are in the position where every member of the team is fight-



Gary Pierce (left) was out of the side when Barnsley (dark strip) accounted for non-League Enfield in the Fourth Round of the F.A. Cup.

ing for his place, and I think that's the reason why Barnsley are being tipped as promotion candidates.

"Manager Norman Hunter has brought his own style of management into the club, but he's done it gradually. He's got an infectious personality and is proving to be a great success.

'Spirit'

"Once or twice we've played five a side games for Mars bars, and that helps to keep the competitive spirit throughout the week. We train as we play, and I think that's the best way.

"He hasn't made any sweeping changes to the coaching staff. Ian Evans is the first team coach, and we've got Mr Barnsley himself, Norman Rimmington the physio, who is also a fully qualified coach. The only new face is Bobby Collins, who looks after the youngsters.

"I don't often make predictions, but I think we'll be among the promotion places come next May."



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BEWARE OF FOREIGNERS

★ The Quarter-Final stages of the European competitions approach and once again the English clubs can look forward to reasonable success, and with justification.

However, I feel that club success hides and blinds people to the real state of English football.

I was angered to hear a respected critic remark that success at international level was a natural consequence of club success.

But this is hardly credible. Club success has been achieved with the pick of the players from the other home countries and Eire and now foreign players — the Dutch and Scots combination have transformed Ipswich while at Liverpool, Hansen (right), Souness and Daiglish form the skilful backbone to the Liverpool success-machine.

Other strong 'English' clubs are in a similar position — Arsenal, Spurs, Man. Utd., and Nottm. Forest.

Take these players out of the League and the cupboard is virtually bare.

The alarming influx of foreign and many relatively low standard players must be restricted before the domestic scene is strangled.

A small number of high quality players are obviously good, but don't follow cricket's example and let overseas players dominate.

English football is struggling and will continue to struggle until administrators realise this fact and restrict the inflow.

Don't be blind! Only Sansom, Brookling, Francis and Keegan are top quality international class of the outfield players.

It's a reflection on English football that Muhren and Thijssen — masters of a successful Ipswich side — have managed only a handful of caps between them.

● While there is no control of domestic transfer fees — the League chairmen turned down the chance to bring some sanity back — clubs will continue to look abroad, where prices for good players are more realistic. Regarding Muhren and Thijssen, all I can say is it's a reflection on the Dutch set-up that they don't have more international recognition.

Keep the Beeb away!

REGARDING the plight of Sunderland A.F.C., being a keen follower of the "Lads" I spent several painstaking seconds last week studying the current First Division table and deciding who Sunderland's main rivals were in the raging battle to avoid the big drop.

My conclusions? Wolves? Leeds? Brighton, perhaps? No ... the BBC, namely Match of the Day.

It is a fact that Sunderland have appeared five times on Britain's premier soccer programme this season and have not only lost on each occasion, but have been either totally out-played or even dismally outclassed.

I also seem to recall that on the Friday before the Match of the Day crew were going to record the Sunderland v. Ipswich Town match, our manager, Ken Knighton, banned all cameras from



Roker for fear of a poor attendance. Despite playing well throughout, Sunderland lost 2-0; this proves my hypothesis that Match of the Day need only be present in spirit to effect the dreaded Roker curse.

Many fans of less glamorous clubs may wonder why I'm complaining at having the opportunity of watching my team on the Beeb every month, but as far as I'm concerned Messrs. Motson and Davies, under the guiding light of Jimmy Hill, can avoid Sunderland both home and away for the remainder of the season and give their kiss of death to some other poor, relegation-threatened team.

M. DAWSEY,
NORTHALLERTON.

● If my memory serves me correctly, Sunderland did well on MOTD last season when winning promotion. They obviously outstayed their welcome!

Regionalisation

MORE changes must be introduced into our soccer if the game is to be improved and safeguarded.

A return to the former Third Division North and South should be pursued — this would cut down on travelling expenses enormously.

DAVID WALTON,
HEBBURN.

● It does seem crazy that Exeter have to travel to Carlisle ... twice this season as the first game was a late postponement.

Missed the point

DO they really think that three points for a win will bring back attacking football and the crowds with it?

In fact it could do it much harm.

These days an away team gets a goal, defends, and gets two points. When the new system is introduced they will

do exactly the same thing but collect three points.

The only way I can see football being revived is that the draw is scrapped.

Then home and away teams will be eager to score and go looking for more goals because they would be aware that if the other side scored they would get no points.

KEVIN GINN,
HOO.

● It isn't fair that a team should graft for 90 minutes to draw at Anfield and get no reward.

Two national stadiums

EVEN although I am a Celtic supporter, I disagree with Paul Reeves' comment in a recent SHOOT concerning Celtic Park becoming Scotland's national stadium.

The only real advantage Celtic Park has over Ibrox is the size of the crowd capacity (67,000).

There is no reason why Scotland shouldn't play at both Ibrox and Celtic Park.

Celtic Park could be used for the large internationals, i.e. v England, and Ibrox for the smaller internationals as it would soon have a capacity of 45,000 when it is fully modernised.

KENNY SUMMERS,
MAIDENS.

● A good suggestion, but I can't help thinking that with the Old Firm rivalry, a neutral ground is still a better choice.

Friendly Kevin

I WENT down to see Southampton play earlier this year and waited along with a dozen others for about one and a half hours in the cold for Kevin Keegan to come out. It was well worth the wait.

He made you feel special, as if you mattered and he signed everyone's book etc., with a friendly word for us all.

I left the ground feeling like a million dollars because Kevin Keegan had the time for me. If only there were more players like Kevin then I feel people would flock to the grounds every Saturday.

MISS J. HUGHES,
SALISBURY.

● Hear hear.



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Games off

Which first-class game in England has been postponed the most times?

MARK HARTLEY,
DEVIZES

● It must almost certainly be a couple of Third Round F.A. Cup-ties in the 1962-63 season, Mark.

That was the notorious 'Big Freeze' winter — and the Lincoln-Coventry tie was postponed 15 times; and that between Birmingham and Bury 14 times plus one abandonment in mid-match.

All told, that Third Round lasted 66 days. It was started on 5th January — when only three of the 32 ties could be played — and didn't finish until 11th March, when Middlesbrough beat Blackburn in a replay.

Marathon

I've read that a game between Stockport and Doncaster lasted 203 minutes. How — and why?

THAVATEHAI SUKPHAMPIM,
THAILAND

● It was a Third Division North second leg Cup-tie played on 30th March, 1946. Thavatehai.

This was the season after War ended, before football had got back to normal, and to avoid replays and extra travelling the emergency Wartime rules were still in force.

Those 203 minutes were made up like this — 90 minutes of normal time, plus 10 minutes each way of extra time, plus a further 93 minutes play due to be finished when a decisive goal was scored.

At this stage (6.43pm) bad light stopped play — there were no floodlights then — with the aggregate score still at 4-4.

So, despite all the precautions, a replay (which Doncaster won) was necessary after all.

Under similar regulations, on 14 April, 1945, another game between Cardiff and Bristol City lasted 202 minutes — and that between Wolves and Birmingham 153 minutes — before being decided.

SHORT PASSES

● Kevin Keegan made his Football League debut for Scunthorpe in the 1968-69 season — when he scored twice in 33 League games.

(FRANK FRASIER, U.S.A.)

● Before joining Villa in May, 1980, Peter Withe played for Southport, Barrow, Arcadia, Shepherds (5th Africa), Wolves, Minnesota Kicks, Birmingham, Forest and Newcastle.

(DAVID FOSTER, Northants)

● Wales' first official full international was a 4-0 defeat by Scotland in Glasgow on 25th March, 1876.

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Leeds' keeper John Lukic saves from Mickey Thomas during United's visit to Elland Road this season.

MANCHESTER UNITED manager Dave Sexton has come in for a great deal of harsh criticism lately.

He's taken one hell of a hammering from the media, who blame him for all the problems at United. They are calling for his head.

To be brutally frank, Dave's job is on the line — and he knows it even



this club.

So my message to all the doubters and fans is . . . have more patience. I'm sure United will come good again.

This Saturday's (February 28th) match against the Old Enemy Leeds United at Old Trafford gives us the opportunity of regaining

some of our form — and style.

As you know, there's no love lost between my old club and United. Apart from beating Manchester City this is the one game our fans love us to win.

Leeds are having their problems this season. Manager Allan Clarke may not be doing a good public relations job for the club by announcing his team won't be doing much entertaining, but when I saw them beat Forest at Elland Road they played well.

I missed last season's corresponding game because of injury and may have to do so again.

As you may know, I fell awkwardly playing against Birmingham City and hurt my ankle.

By the time you read this I hope I'm fully fit and ready for action. Like Dave Sexton I could certainly do with a lucky break.

The season so far has been an absolute nightmare for me. Roll on the summer.

'We're backing the boss'

though there's still two years of his contract to run.

But I appeal to the Press — especially those in Manchester — and our fans . . . **GIVE DAVE SEXTON THE BREAK HE DESERVES!**

I realise how disappointed people are at United's record this season. By our standards we are not enjoying the best of seasons.

All that's left for us to fight for is pride and a place high enough in the First Division to claim a place in the U.E.F.A. Cup next season.

Naturally I sympathise with our supporters. They have every right to demand success . . . every right to complain.

I admit we haven't been playing well, but there's no way Dave Sexton or the team can be accused of being defensive and deliberately cautious in our approach.

Negative

In all my time at Old Trafford we have never worked to a defensive, negative system. Dave has geared everything to attack and positive thinking.

As you know, injuries to many key players during the first half of the season was a major blow to the club that finished second in the League in 1979-80. I can't help reminding people of that.

The injury excuse might be wearing a bit thin with the fans, but it happens to be true.

Although the lads that came in did a magnificent job, you can't tear the heart out of a side and still expect it to perform wonders.

A few bad results and players lose confidence. The harder you try to regain form and do well, the worse the situation becomes.

So blame the players for United's predicament — not Dave Sexton. He's very popular at Old Trafford and all the players are behind him 100 per cent.

Dave is a real player's manager. A motivator who treats us with respect . . . as adults.

You won't find Dave criticising one of his players in public. All inquests and rollickings at Old Trafford are conducted in private.

A shy, but proud man, Dave admits he finds it difficult to communicate with the media, especially the boys in Manchester who perhaps yearn for the headline busting days of Tommy Docherty and Malcolm Allison.

Although he might not provide many newsmen with sensational stories or gossip, don't believe for one minute Dave is a soft touch, reluctant to voice an opinion.

Come to The Cliff training ground and watch United and you'll soon discover how tough and uncompromising he can be!

Obviously the players have been concerned and affected about recent events. When we raised the subject with the boss he simply told us: "Don't let these stories bother you. Just go out and play football. I'll look after that side. That's what I'm here for."

Maybe Dave doesn't show his feelings, but he's suffering all right. Not only is he concerned about results and the way we play, but he cares . . . cares passionately about



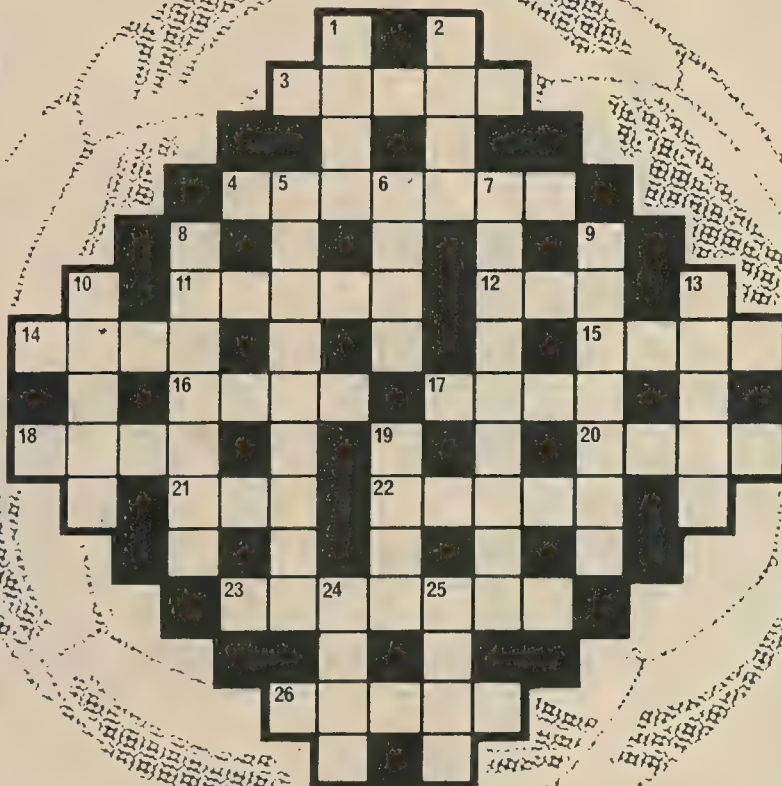
ON THE BALL CROSSWORD

ACROSS:—

- (3) Denis —, Sheffield Wednesday striker. (5)
 (4) — Town, Fourth Division club from The Shay ground. (7)
 (11) Improper or excessive. (5)
 (12) Richard — Cambridge United 'keeper. (3)
 (14) David —, Notts County midfielder player. (4)
 (15) Bryn —, Nottingham Forest defender. (4)
 (16) —arlistle —nited play at —rnton P-rk (4)
 (17) Not —ingham Fo-est play at C-ty Gr-und. (4)
 (18) A very small distance from being in Chester's team! (4)
 (20) Phil ——— Liverpool defender. (4)
 (21) Col(---)jine. Which word completes the Irish club? (3)
 (22) Take five letters from Edgeley Park (Stockport) to make a large bird. (5)
 (23) Benefits or gains. (7)
 (26) Mick —, Everton defender. (5)

DOWN:—

- (1) Norman —, Wolves striker. (4)
 (2) Fifty percent of the match. (4)
 (5) Coventry City midfielder player. (4 & 5)
 (6) Notion or plan. (4)
 (7) Ian —, Wrexham midfielder player. (9)
 (8) Terry —, Ipswich Town defender. (7)
 (9) Times or objects past. (7)
 (10) Kenny of Forest or Francis of Preston (5)
 (13) Go furtively or tell tales. (5)
 (19) — Wealands, Birmingham City 'keeper. (4)
 (24) Take the 2nd, 5th and last letters of Coventry and add a draw in order to get coloured quartz. (4)
 (25) Hostelrys. (4)



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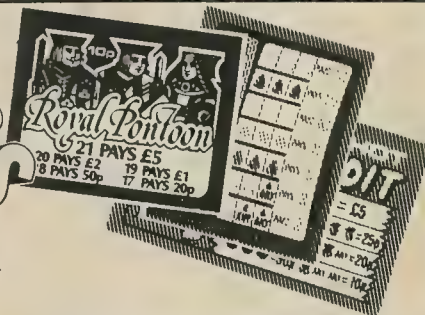
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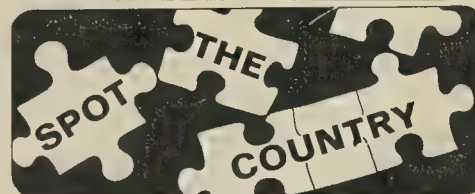
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KEN Knighton's brief managerial regime at Sunderland has been laced with interest to say the least.

Brian Clough, Lawrie McMenemy and Bobby Robson, three of Britain's most successful managers, were each pencilled in by the Roker directors seeking a replacement for Jimmy Adamson when he departed to manage Leeds United in October, 1978.

Former Sunderland favourite Billy Elliott took over for the rest of that season and almost clinched promotion. But it was clear the board wanted a new face.

Ken Knighton became that man when, for various reasons, the "big three" stayed with their clubs.

Knighton's career at Roker has been laced with controversy since his appointment.

A Yorkshireman from Barnsley, he is as blunt in his approach to fashioning a "new" Sunderland as he was in his playing days at Oldham, Preston, Blackburn, Hull and Sheffield Wednesday.

His uneasy alliance with the Roker directors rose to its prickly height at Christmas when he wanted the team to stay overnight in an hotel. The directors said the club couldn't afford it — so Knighton dug deep into his pocket to pay the bill.

CLUB SPOTLIGHT

He speaks his mind and demands total commitment from his players. And who can challenge the success he has brought to Sunderland, winning promotion from the Second Division at the end of last season?

If Sunderland have hardly lit-up the First Division this season, it is not for the want of effort on Ken Knighton's part in a difficult, transitional phase for the club.

Courageous

He has been forced to make some courageous decisions in his bid to restore the North-East club to its pre-War heights.

Bryan Robson, his first signing, scored 22 League and Cup goals after arriving from West Ham for £40,000, at the age of 33.

Now, he is in the reserves, cast out of the side by a manager seeking more goal power. A brave decision.

He bought Chris Turner at about the same time as Robson and had the courage to drop Roker favourite Barry Siddall in favour of the former England youth cap from

Sheffield Wednesday.

Siddall returned briefly early last month to replace Turner for the game against Southampton, but there is little likelihood of the goalkeeper re-establishing himself. Vancouver Whitecaps, who have signed Terry Yorath and Jimmy Holmes from Tottenham, are reported to be interested in a veteran of almost 300 League games at Sunderland and Bolton.

John Hawley, £200,000 signing from Leeds United, and Stan Cummins, the tiny and talented Middlesbrough favourite, were bought, and then Knighton plunged the club into even bigger business when he smashed the club record by buying Argentinian born midfielder player Claudio Marangoni from San Lorenzo for £320,000.

The transaction was a flop, Knighton again proving his courage by admitting his judgment wrong and giving Marangoni a free transfer this season.

He did not mince words, either, after watching defender Joe Bolton sent-off in the derby at Middlesbrough last month.

Knighton was not amused. He said after the game: "He's in seri-



Brave Knighton sorts out Sunderland



Tom Ritchie (left) was signed from Bristol City in an attempt to add goal power to Sunderland's attack. Action from the recent Middlesbrough game (below).



ous trouble with me." Bolton, well on his way to 300 appearances for The Rokerites was "severely" disciplined the following week.

He made another brave decision by asking Tom Ritchie, his £185,000 signing from Bristol City, to sit alongside him in the number 12 shirt against Southampton when most fans thought the big striker would make his debut.

Knighton explained: "I felt the players who did so well against Manchester United deserved another chance."

He was referring to the 2-0 thumping Sunderland gave United with goals by Gordon Chisholm and Gary Rowell, an England Under-21 international who scored 9 goals in 18 matches this season.

There is no doubt that Knighton needs to cut the size of his playing staff, and he also wants to raise cash for possible signings.

Some tough decisions will need to be made if Sunderland are to rise above the First Division's also-rans next season.

Who better to make them than iron-man Ken Knighton?

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SUNDE



BACK ROW (left to right): Joe Bolton, Gordon Chisholm, Claudio Marangoni (now back in Argentina), Chris Turner, Rob Hindmarch, Kevin Arnott, Steve Whitworth.

MIDDLE ROW: Jimmy Greenhaigh (chief scout), Shaun Elliott, Sam A. Joe Hinnigan, Alan Brown, Barry D. (physio), Charlie Ferguson (youth)

IRLAND



chief scout), Jack Watson (deputy
Jardyce, Jeff Clark, John Hawley,
unn, Bryan Robson, John Watters
development officer).

FRONT ROW: Mick Docherty (coach), Mike Buckley, Stan Cummins,
Ken Knighton (manager), Frank Clark (asst. manager), John Cooke,
Gary Rowell, Peter Eustace (coach).

SHOOT!

LAST week I mentioned the controversy in Peru following the decision to stage the World Cup qualifiers at an altitude of 11,750ft at Puno.

Now the authorities, faced with protests from rivals Uruguay and Colombia, have changed the venue to Huancayo, which is at an altitude of ... 10,100ft!



WORLD WIDE ON WORLD SERVICE

MY THANKS to the Sport International programme on the BBC's World Service. A listener had asked them about soccer magazines available in England.

The programme said that SHOOT was more serious than its appearance suggested and wondered whether World Wide, although informative, was popular with the typically insular British readers.

Extracts from my recent article on the Copa de Oro in Uruguay were also read out.

British readers aren't as insular as some people believe and fans here like to know what's going on around the world. What's more, SHOOT has around 100,000 overseas readers.

Incidentally, the other weekly soccer magazines available didn't even merit a mention on the show.

'BLACK MONEY' PAID TO DUTCH PLAYERS

AS if Dutch football doesn't have enough problems, with no national team manager and an alarming slump in fortunes, our colleagues on *Voetbal International* have revealed that the Holland team were paid around £500 each 'black money' during the 1980 European Championship.

The story has rocked Dutch soccer and Parliament are even taking an interest, as the Dutch Government gives the sport money.

Reproduced here is what VI claim is a receipt from an Austrian bank paid to a Dutch team official for the extra cash.

The story says that official Herman Choufoer gave Willie van der Kerkhof 20 envelopes, each containing approximately £500.

VI state that they have, on tape, the voice of one of the players' committee (which comprised Willie van der Kerkhof, Ruud Krol, Kees Kist and Wim Jansen). The anonymous player says: "I remember all this ... I'm not allowed to say. But, yes, we

had the money without tax. It was given to all of us."

The man at the centre of the storm is Ger Lagendijk, an official of the Dutch Players' Union. Not all the Dutch F.A. were aware of the slush-fund, but Lagendijk is alleged to have taken the money from the Austrian Bank.

When VI tackled a member of the Dutch F.A., the conversation went like this:

"How much pocket-money were the Dutch players paid?"

"£20 per day."

"And how much for you?"

"I'll get you a glass of lager."

Watch this space ...



FOOTBALL is a crazy and sometimes sickening world. And into this second category goes a story from Tenerife in the Canary Islands, where, if Laguna managed to beat Concepción they'd carry off a youth title in the face of rivalry from Estrella and Geneto.

Two days before the match Laguna's star player, 14-year-old Victor Hernández, was offered £45 to feign injury and miss the game ...

Cricket bowled out

A ROW is developing in Australia, where the famous (or infamous) Sydney Cricket Ground — home of the legendary Sydney Hill — could be unavailable to cricket in the first half of the next Antipodean summer because of the World Youth Cup.

Curators won't be able to start preparing the wicket until late November, which may rule out cricket until January!

To further delay wicket preparations, the Youth Cup sponsors are planning to build temporary stands inside the SCG to turn the ground into a football rectangle rather than a cricket oval.

A comparison would be Rugby League kicking cricket out of Lord's. Australia is naturally proud to be hosting the tournament for the next generation of world stars (Argentina are the holders), but response has been lukewarm.

One official involved in the Cup was heard to say that they'd fill the SCG "even if we have to give the tickets away."

Gates down-prices up

ALTHOUGH attendances are slightly down this season in the French First Division, the average is 10,644 and that is a great improvement compared with the past.

For example, in 1961 the average attendance was only 8,244 and that had dropped in the 1968-69 season to only 6,995.



But prices have risen spectacularly and this season only eight of the 20 clubs in the First Division have facilities where spectators can stand for £1.

The cheapest admission price at First Division Bastia (in Corsica) is nearly £3.

The fans have plenty to complain about, however, for the French clubs vary their admission prices. They have what they call a 'prix normal' for all their seats, but increase them for the best matches.

OGC Nice, for example, have a normal price of just over £5 for the best seats. But that leaps to £17 for the big home games such as the visit of St. Etienne!

And St. Etienne treat their faithful supporters just as badly as anyone else in France. Their seats usually cost £2.50; £3; £3.50 and £4, while standing fans pay only 80 pence.

But for the League games at home to the top teams the St. Etienne prices leap up to £3 for standing (against Champions FC Nantes recently) while seats are increased enormously to £20, £15 and £12.

French League action (left) can be expensive to watch.

Brazil-again

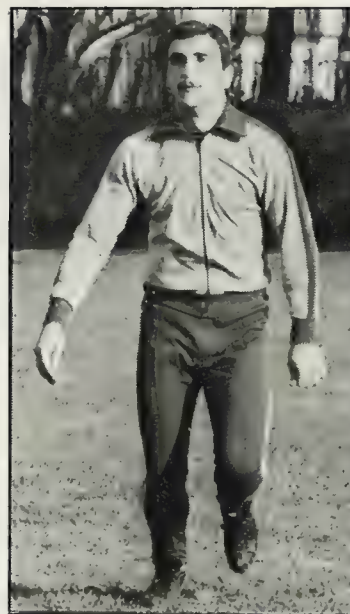
AN astrologer who claims to have predicted the assassination of President Kennedy, the death of Argentine supreme Peron and the downfall of Richard Nixon, has predicted that the 1982 World Cup will be won by Brazil.

By pure coincidence the astrologer, Acarino Lino de Andrade, is ... you've guessed it ... Brazilian.

EVER heard of a player who's won a full international cap yet isn't considered good enough for the first team at his club?

That's the incredible case of Argentine right-winger Alejandro Dabole, who played for Menotti's Argentina team against Switzerland yet has never made a first team appearance for his club Ferro Carril Oeste.

His ambition is to put this situation to rights as soon as the Metropolitan Championship gets under way!



Krankl in the cold

BARCELONA, after chucking out Austrian striker Hans Krankl twice in ten months, have now extended his contract with the club till the summer of 1983!

Barcelona wanted Krankl to accept a £400,000 offer from Arsenal a couple of months ago, but the Austrian striker refused point-blank to uproot his family from Vienna and start afresh in north London.

The Spanish club finally backed down and are letting Krankl see out the season on loan to Rapid Vienna.

But Barcelona are adamant that they want to see some hard cash for Krankl before the start of next season, and they've extended his contract in order to retain their hold over him and pocket the £450,000 they hope to obtain.

News flashes

● England's World Cup opponents Hungary were beaten 2-0 in East Germany to give them a 1980 record of three wins, two draws and five defeats.

Manager Meszoly brought Torocsik and Nyilasi, both suspended after the last World Cup, together again for the first time, but their team had "no harmony" said the critics.

● In a training game Italian First Division club AC Fiorentina beat the

Austrian national team 2-0 with Giancarlo Antognoni getting the first goal.

● Oleg Blokhin, left winger of Dynamo Kiev, is the USSR's outstanding scorer of the last ten years. He has netted 144 goals in League games and another 29 for the USSR as well as 14 in European club competitions and 13 in the Russian Cup; 200 in all.

● The Lisbon club Belenenses, threatened by relegation, do not like having their League games televised direct, and no wonder. At home to

Portimonense, live TV and pouring rain kept the attendance down to 1,251, which hardly covered the expenses of gatekeepers and police.

● AS Monaco, fourth in the French First Division, continue to exist on terrible gates. For their last game they were watched by only 1,874 spectators, but with enormous financial support from Prince Rainier at the Palace they have money enough to sign foreign stars and pay them well, and win their share of honours in French football which is, in fact, 'technically abroad' for the Principality.



Another break for Bone

TWO years ago St. Mirren's veteran striker Jimmy Bone was convinced that his football future lay in the United States.

He had been there on loan with Toronto Blizzard and felt that once he had edged past that 30-years-old milestone his career in Scotland would be winding down.

Instead, 31-year-old Bone won't be returning to Toronto this summer — and his future is very much assured at Paisley under his new boss Rikki McFarlane.

McFarlane pays tribute to Bone's knowledge of the game when anyone is available to listen.

He tells you straight: "Don't get it wrong — I don't look on Jimmy Bone as a 'veteran' just because he has passed the 30 mark that so many people seem to consider the be all and end all of a player's career."

"Jimmy's experience has been tremendously helpful here at Love Street and I have a great admiration for him."

'Learning'

"The kind of knowledge he has of the game isn't picked up easily. He has done it by learning all the time he has been in football and it has paid off for him now."

Bone hears these compliments and enjoys them, but he won't let them change the hard working attitude that has kept him as fit as the St. Mirren youngsters who surround him.

"Mind you," he grins, "I haven't reached the stage where I want to even think about packing it in. People think I'm older than I really am because I have been around so much."

"You see, I broke through to the Thistle first team when I was just 17. I only played a handful of reserve team matches before getting the chance in the League side."

So I was a first team man all those years ago.

"Then I moved around, and when people know you have been with a few clubs they link that with your being older than you really are."

"Inside a couple of seasons I moved from Thistle to Norwich, then on to Sheffield United, back to Celtic and then to Arbroath."

"People reckon that kind of movement takes five or six seasons — not with me it didn't."

Possibly Bone's unhappiest time was at Celtic where he never really found the form that pushed him into Scotland's World Cup squad under Tommy Docherty! He struggled there before leaving, finally, for Arbroath and what seemed obscurity.

It was Alex Ferguson, now boss at Aberdeen, who gambled on bringing Bone back to the big time after Arbroath. Bone remains grateful.

He recalls: "I suppose I could have contented myself playing away at Arbroath. They were good to me as a club but when the chance came to get back to a really ambitious team then I knew I had to go. I'll always be thankful to Alex Ferguson for believing in my ability."

"Actually, this summer is going to be a change for me. It will be the first break from football in three years. The last two seasons I have spent in the States playing in Toronto and, honestly, I enjoyed it. I thought that was where I was going to finish up."

"I didn't see too much room for me at Paisley but that's all changed now. I will get a close season break and, then, I just hope that we might have done enough to qualify for Europe."

YOU ARE THE REF

Compiled by CLIVE THOMAS

1

With only the 'keeper to beat an attacker is pulled down by an opponent. Before you whistle to stop play the ball rolls into goal. Should you award (a) a goal or (b) a penalty?

2

An indirect free-kick is given to the attacking team on the penalty area line. Several defenders line-up on the goal line. Is this permitted?

3

The ball is deflected into the goal by an attacker who is standing level with the last defender. Should you allow the goal?

4

A player changes places with his goalkeeper without notifying you as the game is in progress. Should you, after stopping play (a) award a penalty, (b) an indirect free-kick or (c) drop the ball?

5

A player asks you to stop play as one of his colleagues has been injured. Should you (a) stop the game immediately or (b) leave it to your own discretion?

ANSWERS

1. A goal (a). 2. Yes. 3. No. 4. Indirect free-kick (b). 5. Leave it up to your own discretion (b). In the F.A. Cup match between Everton and Liverpool, Everton's John Bailey went down in a tackle. I continued play when skipper Mike Lyons ran to me and asked me to stop the game. I was satisfied that John was not seriously injured and therefore kept the game going. Mike was still shouting, so I told him to get on with the game. Later Mike apologised and said he thought John had been hurt.

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Scottish Second

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EAST FIFE 0 325

CLYDE (0) 1 (Masterton)
ARBROATH (0) 0 1,200

COWDENBEATH (1) 1 (Marshall)
QoS (1) 1 (Coughlin) 750

MEADOWBANK (1) 1 (Jobson)
STENHOUSEMUR (0) 0 470

MONTROSE (1) 4 (Beedie, Guyan, Robb, Forrest)
FORFAR (0) 0 1,000

QUEEN'S PARK (1) 3 (Dickson, McCoy 2)
ALBION (0) 1 (Campbell) 500

STRANRAER (1) 1 (Sim)
BRECHIN (0) 1 (Rodgers (o.g.)) 450

Tuesday, February 3

Second Division

QPR (0) 2 (Fenwick, Langley)
CARDIFF (0) 0 9,384
 QPR: Burrage, Shanks, Gillard, Fenwick, Wicks, Roeder, Langley, King, Stainrod, Currie, Silkman.
 Cardiff: Hesley, Jones, Thomas, Hughes, Pontin, Dwyer (Maddy), Giles, Kitchen, Micallef, Ronson, Buchanan.



Leicester skipper Mark Wallington

Third Division

COLCHESTER (1) 1 (Bremner)
EXETER (2) 2 (Forbes, Pullar) 2,357

Fourth Division

NORTHAMPTON (0) 1 (Farmer)
WIGAN (0) 1 (Quinn) 1,708

Wed., February 4

Fourth Division

TORQUAY (2) 2 (Lawrence, Cooper)
SCUNTHORPE (0) 1 (Green) 1,769

Friday, February 6

Fourth Division

DONCASTER (1) 1 (Nimmo)
NORTHAMPTON (1) 1 (Bowen) 5,680

SOUTHEND (1) 2 (Pountney, Spence)
HEREFORD (0) 0 5,229

TRANMERE (0) 0
BOURNEMOUTH (0) 1 (Ferns) 2,480

Saturday, February 7

First Division

BIRMINGHAM (1) 2 (Evans, Curbishley)
BRIGHTON (0) 1 (Robinson) 13,691
 Birmingham: Wealds, Langan, Broadhurst, Curbishley (Bertschin), Gallagher, Todd, Ainscow, Evans, Worthington, Gemmill, Lynex.
 Brighton: Digweed, Gregory, Stevens, Horton, Foster (Clark), Lawrenson, McNab, Ritchie, Robinson, Smith, O'Sullivan.

COVENTRY (2) 2 (Hunt, Hateley)
WOLVES (0) 2 (Richards, Gray) 18,243
 Coventry: Sesley, Thomas, Roberts, Blair, Dyson, Gillespie, Bodek, Daly, Thompson, Hateley, Hunt.
 Wolves: Bradshaw, Palmer, Perkin, Clarke, McAlle, Berry, Hibbitt, Atkinson, Richards, Gray, Eves.

EVERTON (1) 1 (Ross pen)
ASTON VILLA (2) 3 (Morley, Mortimer, Cowans pen) 31,434
 Everton: Hodge, Ratcliffe, Bailey, Wright, Lyons, Ross, Megson, Eastoe, Varadi, Hartford, O'Keefe (Lodge).
 Aston Villa: Rimmer, Swain, Williams, Evans, McNaught, Mortimer, Bremner, Shaw, Withe, Cowans, Morley.

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CRYSTAL PALACE (1) 2 (Walsh, Mariner (og)) 25,032
 Ipswich: Cooper, Osman, McCall, Thijssen, Beattie, Butcher, Wark, Muhren, Mariner, Brazil, Gates.
 C. Palace: Barron, Lovell, Hinshelwood, Gilbert, Boyle, Brooks, Smillie, Nicholas, Allen, Murphy, Walsh.

LEICESTER (0) 1 (Melrose)
MANCHESTER UNITED (0) 0 26,859
 Leicester: Wallington, Williams, Frier, Peake, May, O'Neill, Byrne, Melrose, Young, Wilson, MacDonald (Goodwin).
 Man. Utd.: Bailey, Nicholl, Albiston, Duxbury, Jovanovic (Wilkins), Buchan, Coppell, Birtles, Jordan, Macari, Thomas.

MANCHESTER CITY (1) 1 (Power)
NOTTM. FOREST (0) 1 (Francis) 39,524
 Man. City: Corrigan, Henry, McDonald, Booth, Power, Caton, Tuart, Gow, Mackenzie, Hutchison, Reeves.
 Nottm. Forest: Shilton, Anderson, Gray F, Gray S, Burns, Gunn, Mills, Wallace, Francis, Walsh, Robertson.

MIDDLESBROUGH (1) 1 (Hedley)
SUNDERLAND (0) 0 35,065
 Middlesbrough: Platt, Nattrass, Bailey, Hedley, Ashcroft, McAndrew, Cochrane, Proctor, Hodgson, Jankovic, Armstrong.
 Sunderland: Siddall, Whitworth, Bolton, Hindmarch, Elliott, Rowell, Ritchie, Bowyer, Hawley, Chisholm, Cummins.

SOUTHAMPTON (0) 2 (Williams, George)
NORWICH (0) 1 (Watson) 20,450
 Southampton: Wells, Golac, Holmes, Williams, Waldron, Nicholl, Keegan, Channon, George, Moran, Baker.
 Norwich: Hansbury, McDowell, Powell (Muzinic), Barham, Hoadley, Watson, Mendham, Fashanu, Royle, Paddon, Goble.

STOKE (1) 1 (Ursem)
ARSENAL (0) 1 (Stapleton) 14,400
 Stoke: Fox, Johnson, Hampton, Dodd, O'Callaghan, Doyle, Ursem, Bracewell, Chapman, Heath, Munro.
 Arsenal: Jennings, Hollins, Sansom, Talbot, O'Leary, Young, McDermott, Sunderland, Stapleton, Gating, Rix.

TOTTENHAM (1) 1 (Archibald)
LEEDS (0) 1 (Harris) 32,372
 Tottenham: Daines, McAllister, Miller, Roberts, Lacy, Perryman, Ardiles, Archibald, Galvin, Hoddle, Crooks (Brooke).
 Leeds: Lusic, Greenhoff, Gray, Flynn, Hart, Cherry, Harris, Hird, Connor, Chandler (Stevenson), Graham.

WBA (1) 2 (Robson, Regis)
LIVERPOOL (0) 0 27,905
 WBA: Godden, Batson, Statham, Moses, Wile, Bennett, Robson (Brown), Deehan, Regis, Owen, Barnes.
 Liverpool: Clemence, Neal, Money, Irwin, Kennedy R, Hansen, Case, Lee, Johnson, Fairclough (Highway), Souness.

Second Division

BOLTON (1) 4 (Thomas 2, Wilson, Nikolic)
CARDIFF (1) 2 (Buchanan 2) 8,115
 Bolton: Peacock, Graham, McElhinney, Wilson, Jones, Brennan, Nikolic, Thomas, Hoggan, Bennett, Gowing.
 Cardiff: Healey, Jones, Thomas, Roberts, Pontin, Micallef, Giles, Kitchen, Stevens, Ronson, Buchanan.

BRISTOL CITY (0) 1 (Pritchard)
SHEFF WED (0) 0 11,639
 Bristol City: Moller, Stevens, Sweeney, Aitken, Marshall, Nicholls, Tainton, Mann, Mabbutt, Pritchard, Whitehead.
 Sheff Wed: Bolder, Blackhall, Grant, Smith, Shirtliff, Sterland, Mirocevic, Johnson (Pearson), Leman, McCulloch, Curran.

CHELSEA (1) 3 (Droy, Mayes 2)
CAMBRIDGE (0) 0 16,704
 Chelsea: Borota, Locke, Rofe, Bumstead, Droy, Chivers, Viljoen, Fillery, Lee, Walker, Mayes.
 Cambridge: Kay, Donaldson, Murray, Smith, Fallon, Finney, Streete, Spriggs, Reilly (O'Neill), Taylor, Turner.

DERBY (1) 2 (Swindlehurst, Emery)
GRIMSBY (0) 1 (Waters (pen)) 19,691
 Derby: Jones, Emery, Buckley, Powell (S), McFarland, Swindlehurst (Osgood), Powell (B), Hector, Biley, Wilson, Emson.
 Grimsby: Batch, Stone, Crombie, Waters, Wigginton, Moore, Broily (Kilmore), Whymark, Drinkell, Mitchell, Cumming.

LUTON (0) 3 (Price, Hill, Moss)
BLACKBURN (1) 1 (Burke) 9,350
 Luton: Findlay, Stephens, Donaghy, Grealish, West, Price, Hill, Stein, Ingram, Aizlewood, Moss.
 Blackburn: Arnold, Branagan, Rathbone, Kendall, Keeley, Fazackerley (Stonehouse), Brotherston, Garner, Lowey, Burke, Speight.

NEWCASTLE (0) 1 (Waddle)
QPR (0) 0 20,442
 Newcastle: Carr, Carney, Johnson, Martin (Harford), Boam, Halliday, Shinton, Treweek, Clarke, Wharton, Waddle.
 QPR: Burridge, Shanks, Gillard, Fenwick, Wicks, Roeder, Langley, King, Stainrod, Currie, Silkman.

NOTTS COUNTY (2) 2 (Masson, McCulloch)
SWANSEA (0) 1 (Robinson) 8,628
 Notts County: Leonard, Benjamin, O'Brien, Kelly, Kilcline, Richards, McCulloch, Masson, Christie, Hunt, Hooks.
 Swansea: Stewart, Attley, Hadziabdic, Lewis, Steven-son, Phillips, Craig, Mahoney, Curtis, James (L) (Giles).

OLDHAM (1) 1 (McDonough)
BRISTOL ROVERS (0) 0 5,552
 Oldham: Platt, Sinclair, Blair, Keegan, Clements, Hurst, Edwards, Hilton, Nuttall, Palmer, McDonough.
 Bristol Rovers: Kite, Gillies, Jones, Cooper, Hughes, Emmanuel, Barrowclough, Williams, Lee (Penny), Randall, Mabbutt.

ORIENT (1) (Bowles pen, Parsons)
WREXHAM (1) 1 (Fox) 4,057
 Orient: Day, Fisher, Roffey, Taylor (T), Moores, Parsons, Chiedozie, Margarrison, Jennings (Hughton), Bowles, Taylor (P).
 Wrexham: Davies, Sutton, Dwyer, Jones, Cegielski, Arkwright, Fox, Carrodus, Edwards, McNeil, Cartwright.

PRESTON (2) 2 (McGee, Coleman)
WATFORD (1) 1 (Jenkins)
 Preston: Tunks, Westwell, McAteer, Bell, Baxter, O'Riordan, Doyle, Coleman, Elliott, McGee, Naughton.
 Watford: Sherwood, Rice, Harrison, Taylor, Sims, Jactett, Armstrong, Poskett, Jenkins, Train (Rostron), Blissett.

SHREWSBURY (0) 0
WEST HAM (1) 2 (Devonshire, Cross) 9,201
 Shrewsbury: Wardle, King, Leonard, McLaren (Petts), Griffin, Keay, Tong, Atkins, Biggins, Bates, Cross.
 West Ham: Parkes, Stewart, Lampard, Bonds, Martin, Devonshire, Neighbour, Goddard (Barnes), Cross, Brooking, Pike.

Third Division

BURNLEY (1) 1 (Dobson pen)
EXETER (0) 0 5,585

CHESTER (3) 4 (Phillips, Jones, Howat, Raynor pen)
CHARLTON (0) 0 2,461

FULHAM (1) 1 (Beck)
BRENTFORD (0) 1 (Roberts) 8,721

GILLINGHAM (0) 0
CARLISLE (0) 1 (Staniforth pen) 4,927

HUDDERSFIELD (1) 1 (Cowling)
BARNLEY (0) 0 28,901



Stan Bowles of Orient

HULL (0) 2 (Whitehurst, Edwards)
BLACKPOOL (0) 1 (Ball) 5,315

OXFORD (0) 0
NEWPORT (1) 1 (Gwyther) 4,440

PLYMOUTH (0) 1 (Johnson)
CHESTERFIELD (0) 0 6,305

PORTSMOUTH (1) 2 (Doyle, Tait)
WALSALL (0) 0 11,921

ROTHERHAM (0) 1 (Gooding)
SWINDON (0) 0 7,162

SHEFF UTD (1) 2 (Hatton, Neville)
READING (0) 0 8,601

Fourth Division

ALDERSHOT 0
PORT VALE 0 2,598

BRADFORD (2) 2 (Campbell 2)
TORQUAY (0) 0 2,872

HARTLEPOOL (0) 1 (Bird)
YORK (0) 0 3,119

LINCOLN (0) 1 (Cunningham)
STOCKPORT (0) 0 4,315

MANSFIELD (1) 2 (Bird, Caldwell)
BURY (0) 0 3,514

ROCHDALE (2) 2 (Wann, Blake)
PETERBOROUGH (0) 3 (Gynn 2, Quow) 2,865

SCUNTHORPE (2) 2 (Stewart, Grimes)
HALIFAX (1) 2 (Ayre, Graham) 2,073

WIGAN (0) 3 (Methven, Wright, Quinn M)
DARLINGTON (0) 1 (Hamilton) 3,626

WIMBLEDON (2) 2 (Prophett (o.g.), Cork)
CREWE (0) 0 2,782

Scottish Premier

ABERDEEN (0) 0
MORTON (0) 1 (Busby) 11,000
 Aberdeen: Leighton, Hamilton, Considine, Simpson, McLeish, Rougvie, Bell (Watson), Harrow (McCall), McGhee, Angus, Scanlon.
 Morton: Baines, Hayes, Holmes, Rooney, McLaughlin, Orr, Busby, Marr, Thomson, Tolmie, Ritchie.

DUNDEE UNITED (1) 2 (Kirkwood, Dodds)
RANGERS (1) 1 (MacDonald) 14,328
 Dundee United: McAlpine, Stark, Kopel, Addison, Hegarty, Narey, Bannan, Payne, Kirkwood, Sturrock, Dodds.
 Rangers: McCloy, Jardine, Dawson, Stevens, Jackson, Bett, Johnston, Russell (Cooper), McLean (Miller), Redford, MacDonald.

Celtic v Partick, Kilmarnock v Hearts, St Mirren v Ardicie postponed.

Scottish First

BERWICK (2) 2 (Black, Dixon)
MOTHERWELL (0) 2 (McLaughlin, Graham) 928

HIBS 0
DUNDEE 0 7,000

RAITH (0) 1 (Jackson (o.g.))
DUMBARTON (0) 0 1,500

Clydebank v St Johnstone, Dunfermline v Falkirk, East Stirling v Stirling Albion, Hamilton v Ayr postponed.

Scottish Second

ALLOA (0) 0
BRECHIN (0) 2 (Campbell (I) 2) 675

EAST FIFE (0) 0
ARBROATH (1) 2 (Shaw, Harley) 449

FORFAR (0) 1 (Leitch)
STENHOUSEMUIR (2) 4 (Bennett (o.g.), Meakin, Hancock, Jenkins) 750

QoS (1) 4 (Scott, Coughlin, Alexander 2)
MONTROSE (0) 1 (Wright) 1,000
 Albion v Stranraer, Cowdenbeath v Clyde postponed.

BIG MATCHES OF THE DAY

(Saturday, February 28th)

W.B.A. v Birmingham

THIS will be the 74th League derby clash between these two clubs, with Albion having won 31, Blues 19 and 23 games drawn.

Blues obviously have a good deal of lost ground to make up on their local rivals, more especially as they haven't beaten them in their last seven meetings in the Football League. City's last win over Albion was back in April, 1973 when The Throstles were doomed to relegation and were beaten 3-2 at St. Andrews. However, current form must favour Albion on their own ground.

Birmingham have rarely found it easy to get goals at The Hawthorns, and it is remarkable that they have only once scored more than two goals in a League game on this ground. That was in another of Albion's relegation seasons, 1937-38, when City just lost a hectic tussle 4-3.

Liverpool v S'oton

FORMER Southampton inside-forward George O'Brien holds a unique position in the history of the club's League visits to Anfield, for he is the only Saint to have scored a winning goal there. That was in Southampton's first League visit in August, 1960 when he got the only goal of the game. Since then Southampton have played 11 League games at Anfield, losing ten and drawing last season, when they were leading with a goal by Phil Boyer before Terry McDermott got Liverpool's equaliser from the penalty spot.

Considering Liverpool's stupendous home record, perhaps O'Brien's unique position will remain safe, but Saints have already taken one point from The Reds this season and could get another on Saturday.

Coventry v Ipswich

IN the 18 seasons that these two clubs have met, Ipswich have only twice completed a League double over The Sky Blues, but with the first-leg already in the bag this season and Ipswich determined to take the League title, this could be their third double over the Midland club. On the other hand, it was only last season that Coventry shocked Ipswich, hammering them 4-1 at Highfield Road, with Mick Ferguson getting all of their goals, while the visitors' only goal came from John Wark.

It was Wark, the little Scottish mid-field player, who shook Coventry with two second half goals at Portman Road earlier this season and City will need to keep a tighter hold on him on Saturday, as he has a way of popping up from nowhere to score vital goals.

Man. Utd. v Leeds

MANCHESTER UNITED must be favourites to win this, the 60th League game between these two clubs, although one must not lose sight of the fact that Leeds have lost only four of their last 14 First Division games at Old Trafford.

Two seasons ago Manchester United won this particular fixture 4-1, with Andy Ritchie notching a hat-trick, while last season the game resulted in a 1-1 draw with United coming from behind to get the equaliser.

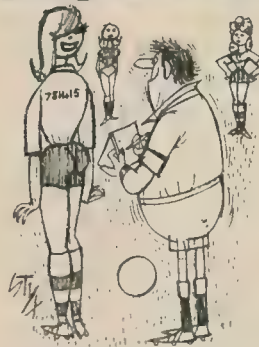
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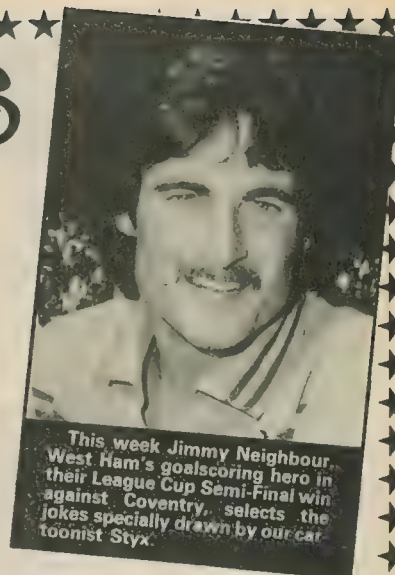
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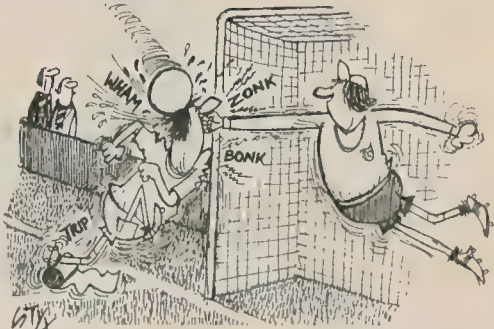
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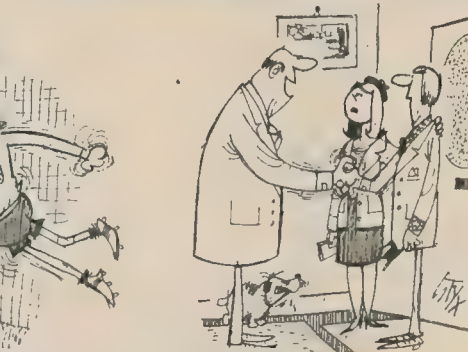
"Actually, it's my telephone number..."



This week Jimmy Neighbour, West Ham's goalscoring hero in their League Cup Semi-Final win against Coventry, selects the jokes specially drawn by our cartoonist Styx.



"I've got a feeling this new striker might just be accident prone."



"Well, well. If it isn't the young centre-forward who told me what I could do with my whistle last Saturday."



"And what are you going to misquote me as saying this week?"

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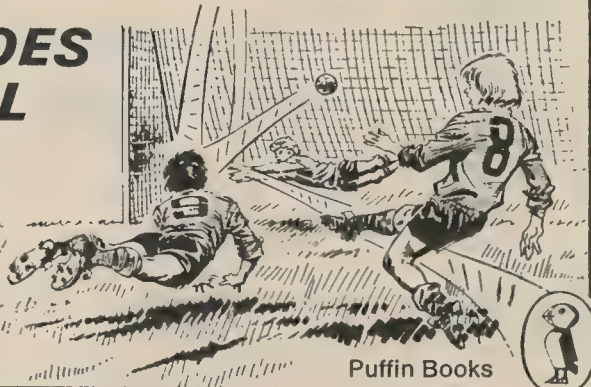
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NOT even the long and tiring journey to and from Japan or defeat by Nacional has affected my enthusiasm for the World Club Championship.

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But a goal by Waldemar Victorino put paid to our hopes. Despite the fact we dominated the match for about 80 of the 90 minutes we just

could not get the goals we thought we deserved.

Although it was some trek to Japan, I'm all for the match being played in a neutral country, and a near capacity crowd more than justified that.

It bothers me at times why the English public fail to respond to major footballing occasions like this.

When we played Valencia, for example, in the Super Cup we had a mere 12,000 crowd at the City Ground. But when we went to Spain for the return leg it was almost a

Trevor Francis (left) goes close for Forest against Nacional in Japan.

complete sell-out.

As a player, I've always wanted to appear in premier football competitions like the World Cup, and while the club Championship does not rank alongside that in terms of importance I don't think it should be written off in England as a 'nothing match'.

It is certainly not the way we looked at it, and we tried our best to get our hands on an impressive

trophy. It would have been nice to stand it alongside the European Cup.

I was a little disappointed in Nacional, particularly when you consider they went into the match with a handful of players who helped Uruguay win the Gold Cup.

Victorino showed a touch of real class finishing for the goal but I was left with the impression that he lacked support from those around him.

Anyway, it was a great experience and it is not every day you get a chance to see Tokyo — even if all we witnessed were traffic jams.

I only hope that in the next two or three seasons I'm going back to Japan to contest the World Club title again.

I know that a lot of doubts were expressed about the effects of jet-lag before we faced Bristol City in the F.A. Cup, but thankfully we came down to earth in time to score twice in the last seven minutes to win 2-1 and go through to the Quarter-Finals where we meet Ipswich Town.

'My old club CAN survive'

THOSE great victories over Liverpool and Manchester United have given my old club Leicester a glimmer of hope in their bid for First Division survival.

And that's another reason why we know at Nottingham Forest that we have got some game on our hands at Filbert Street this Saturday.

The fact that Leicester have beaten Liverpool twice this season has to mean they have something going for them and, to be honest, I'm a little bit surprised that they have struggled so much to establish themselves.

Leicester came up as Champions, and although Birmingham and Sunderland, promoted with them, haven't exactly set the First Division

on fire, I would have expected Leicester to have done as well.

Obviously, it's lack of experience that has cost them points, and perhaps only now are they getting the benefit from being used to life in the First Division for six months.

On reflection, they might have been better off winning promotion 12 months later, when their talented youngsters had picked up more experience before joining the "Big League".

But you can't pick and choose when you want promotion — if it's there to be won, you've got to go and try and win it.

That's just what Jock Wallace did, and I've got immense respect for the job he did in taking Leicester up

in such a short time.

I'm pleased, too, because although my loyalties are totally Forest ones, I am a Leicester lad and it gives me a lot of satisfaction to see them doing well.

I'm also delighted for Mark Wallington. He's one of the top half dozen 'keepers in the country and if Leicester don't stay up it won't be for any lack of effort on his part.

And although it would seem like a disaster to some Filbert Street fans, I don't think it would necessarily be such a catastrophe if Leicester did go down.

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IT'S great to be young at Cardiff City. The premier club of Welsh football which still has a unique entry in the history of British football — in 1927 it became the one and only club ever to take the F.A. Cup out of England — has thrown all its resources behind a youth policy.

"We cannot buy big money players because we don't have the finance," says manager Richie Morgan (right). "There is no point in pretending otherwise. It doesn't make life easy but it certainly makes it challenging.

"I have been at Ninian Park all my life. Young professional, first team player, club captain and public relations officer before becoming manager, and in those 16 years I've never known such a concentration on young players. Every-

thing is there for them today.

"I envy those managers who can go out and buy at the drop of a hat. Like all the rest of them, I want success today rather than tomorrow ... but I have to settle for tomorrow. And now you can see through the clouds around Ninian Park to spot a very bright future.

"This season, for instance, we have come up with two of the best midfield prospects I've seen: Paul Giles and Paul Maddy. They are both in their teens and grabbing their opportunities with remarkable confidence.

"Paul Giles is the younger brother of Swansea's David, who is now an established international — and he is a carbon copy in so many ways. Cheeky, confident of his ability, ambitious and prepared to cover every yard of the pitch. He



ond Division."

Cardiff had both Jones and striker Constantinou (Tarki) Micallef in the Wales Under-21 squad and, behind the scenes, intensive tuition is provided for the young players by former Wales international Dave Roberts plus the first team squad's coach, Tony Book.

The appointment of Book, initially at Ninian Park on a week-by-week basis, was an inspired decision by Morgan. "His talent, his ideas and his experience were too good to waste. When he parted company with Manchester City, it seemed a crying shame to let such a man sit around and do nothing.

"He leapt at the chance to join forces — and did not accept a penny. Our first nine games with Tony advising on tactics produced three wins and six draws."

Morgan has shown a knack to find the right men at the right time for the right positions. Record signing Billy Ronson is now the team skipper and midfield driving force, while experienced striker Peter Kitchen is at last providing

MORGAN SALUTES THE YOUNG ONES

Cardiff with the finish they lacked so badly.

"Our task over the last couple of months of the season will be to battle our way clear of relegation problems. The club has had enough of those in recent years," says Ronson. "I'm sure we can do it; I'm certain that the talent is there.

'Disappointing'

"Tony Book keeps telling us that we are good players, but it was disappointing to put in a nine-match unbeaten run and stay in the bottom half. That's the way the Second Division is this season — everyone picks up a point.

"But it is encouraging to see the kids go into the deep end and come out with colours flying. They'll see us through."

With such confidence, it is hard to envisage relegation for City come the end of the season.

The hard-working Richie Morgan deserves success, and the Cardiff kids should soon provide it.

Paul Maddy has impressed in the Cardiff midfield this season. Alan Campbell (below) gets in a header at the Sheffield Wednesday goal.



wants to be in the game all the time."

While Giles plays wide on the right, Maddy works the middle in a very different style. Tall, quick and with a fierce shot from the edge of the penalty-area, he reminds Morgan of Barrie Hole, one of Cardiff's finest products over the last 25 years.

"There is the same elegant skill; the same incisive approach. He proved his character, too, when he returned to the first team after a couple of months back in the reserves and scored twice at Orient to give us a point."

Right-back Linden Jones, also 19, has broken out of a patchy start experienced by nearly every young player starting his first team career. Now he is in the side on a regular basis and, says, Morgan, "is proving himself to be one of the best young full-backs in the Sec-

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THEIR GOLDEN GOALS



DIXIE McNEIL

221 League goals for Exeter, Northampton, Lincoln, Hereford and Wrexham.



MIKE CHANNON

197 League goals for Southampton (twice) and Manchester City.

1. When did you score your first goal in senior football?

OBTAININGLY it was for Exeter, but I couldn't tell you who it was against or how I scored it. I remember my first senior game, funnily enough it was at Wrexham, when I hit the post, but I don't recall my first goal.

IT was on my debut against Bristol City at The Dell during our promotion season of 1965-66. It wasn't a particularly spectacular goal — a header at the far post. A City defender cleared it, but the referee was on hand and knew it had crossed the line.

2. What do you consider the best goal you have scored?

IT has to be my goal against Blyth Spartans for Wrexham in the F.A. Cup in 1978 in a replay at Newcastle. It was pouring with rain, and because of the greasy surface people were falling about all over the place. We broke down the right wing before Bobby Shinton hit a through ball into the centre of the pitch. I ran on and stretched into a half volley which fortunately enough flew into the top left hand corner from about 25 yards.

WHEN you've scored nearly 200 goals, they're all good. I suppose my best had to be one I scored years ago against Coventry. I picked the ball up in my own penalty-area, ran on and everything just seemed to open up for me. I kept going until I was on the edge of their box and shot home from about 20 yards.

3. The luckiest?

MY luckiest was playing for Hereford. I think it was against Brighton. The ball was crossed into the box, and I dived in to head it. I realised I wasn't going to reach it, so I instinctively stuck out my hand. The ball flew off my hand at a right angle and went into the goal, and amazingly enough I got away with it. Nobody seemed to realise it was a handball until it was shown on TV later that night.

I REMEMBER during a game against Spurs when I was clean through with only Pat Jennings to beat. I took the ball as close as I dared to make sure, but Pat managed to dive down and block the shot. The ball rebounded, hit me in the face and bounced into the goal.

4. The most vital of your career?

ALL goals are important, but from a personal point of view, I have to say my final goal of the 1975-76 season, when I was still at Hereford. It was our last game of the season, and I needed four goals to become the League's top striker for the season. We beat Chester 5-1 that day, and I succeeded in getting those four. So I suppose that last goal was my most important.

I'VE scored so many important goals — some which have clinched promotion and helped win crucial Cup ties — I honestly can't single out my most important goal.

5. The best goal you have seen this season?

THE best this season was scored by my Wrexham team-mate Ian Edwards. It was in the match against Derby at the Baseball Ground. Les Cartwright crossed from the left, and Ian hit a volley from the edge of the box at waist level. The ball screamed into the net from about 25 yards.

BEST goal I've seen this season was my own in our 3-0 win at Birmingham in January. I'm sure many people will have seen this one on TV. I picked the ball up just inside the City half, kept running and just managed to squeeze my shot in from the edge of the box.



BOB LATCHFORD

174 League goals for Birmingham and Everton.

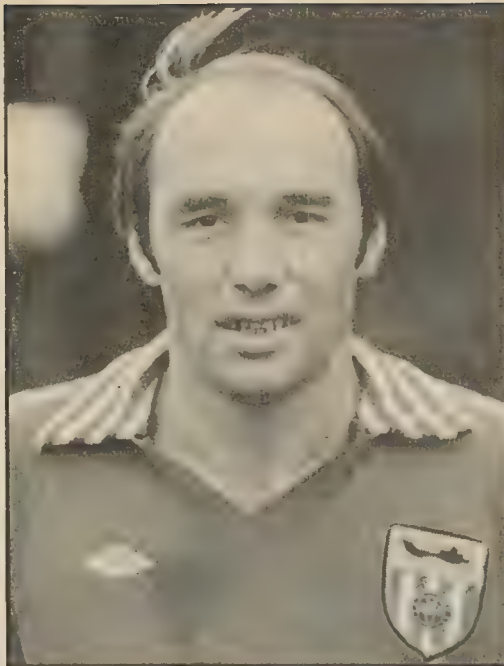
I SCORED on my League debut for Birmingham against Preston North End at St. Andrews in 1969. We were awarded a free-kick on the right, and when the ball was floated into the box, I got in at the back post to head home.

IT'S impossible for me to single out one specific goal and say that's the best I've ever scored. Not many of my goals have been spectacular, but I find I often get more satisfaction from scoring a simple, well-worked goal than a long-range effort.

QUITE a few of my goals have been lucky! I think the most fortunate of them all came when I was still with City. I can't remember who the opponents were, but I recall I had the ball about four yards out from goal with only the 'keeper to beat. Somehow I managed to shoot against the post, but the ball rebounded straight back in my path with the goalkeeper already committed. I couldn't miss the second time, although I always tell people I was playing a 1-2 with the upright!

I HAVE scored two which I consider of equal importance. The first was scored for Birmingham when we needed a point from our last game of the season at Orient to gain promotion in 1972. I managed to score the only goal of the game that day. The other was for Everton in the 1977 League Cup Semi-Finals. We had been held to a 1-1 draw at Goodison in the first-leg by Bolton, but again I managed to net the only goal in the return at Burnden Park.

TERRY McDermott's effort for Liverpool at Aberdeen in the European Cup. He took the ball out really wide then chipped over their 'keeper from an amazingly acute angle. When you talk about spectacular long range goals there is a lot of luck involved, but Terry's chip was brilliantly planned and expertly executed. There was nothing but skill involved in the scoring of that goal.



BRYAN ROBSON

232 League goals for Newcastle, West Ham (twice) and Sunderland (twice).

IT was for Newcastle against Charlton at The Valley, in our promotion season of 1964-65 from the Second Division. Ron McGarry broke clear on the wing and I managed to meet his cross and slide the ball under the goalkeeper. It was pleasing because it gave us a 1-0 win and it was on my debut.

AGAIN for Newcastle. This time against West Ham. I took a corner on the right, the ball bounced to Wyn Davies who shot. It was blocked down and as I came in from the wing I hit it on the volley with my left foot and it gave goalkeeper Peter Grotier no chance.

FOR West Ham against Norwich City at Carrow Road. A corner was taken and as Billy Bonds flicked the ball on, I jumped with Norwich 'keeper Kevin Keelan. He only managed to punch the ball against the back of my head and it went into the goal.

IT was during last season's run-in for promotion. Sunderland were trailing 1-0 to Cardiff City at Ninian Park and Barry Dunn crossed from the wing and I managed to head the ball home at the far post for the equaliser. We beat West Ham in our final game and clinched promotion.

TEAM-MATE John Hawley scored a tremendous goal against Arsenal at Roker Park in December. He picked the ball up about 40 yards from goal and hit a fabulous shot that gave 'keeper Pat Jennings no chance. Not many beat Jennings from 20 yards let alone 40. Yes, a great effort.



FRANK WORTHINGTON

166 League goals for Huddersfield, Leicester, Bolton and Birmingham. (Totals correct to February 14th)

IT was in season 1967-68 and I was playing for Huddersfield Town against West Ham. It was in my third appearance for the first team and I was looking to open my account. It came in the early stages of the match when a right-wing cross came over and I nipped in between centre-half Alan Stephenson and the 'keeper to head home.

NOT surprisingly it was the goal seen many times on the television. It was for Bolton against Ipswich Town a couple of seasons ago. A throw-in on the left was knocked down by Alan Gowling. The ball fell behind me. I managed to control the ball and with my back to goal, I flicked it over my head and the outrushing Town defenders. As the ball dropped I volleyed on my left foot into the corner of the net.

I AM not being conceited but I don't score lucky goals. I am afraid I cannot recall a lucky bounce. I must admit I have got on the scoresheet with shots that have been mis-hit but I always swear they were intentional.

JUNE, 1974, for England against Bulgaria in Sofia. It was on a tour and although only a friendly, it enabled England to win 1-0. A long ball from Ray Clemence was headed on by Kevin Keegan into my path. As I ran through I gave the 'keeper no chance with a blistering shot.

BY Kenny Dalglish for Liverpool at St Andrews this season. The League Champions attacked down the right and an early ball was played into the path of the Scottish international. Instead of pulling down the ball as we all expected, he hit an unbelievable shot straight into the goal. A magnificent effort from Dalglish.

They said it...

"I turned down four or five jobs before taking over at Oxford. America, Greece and other places. What good would I be in countries like that? I can hardly speak English." Oxford manager Ian Greaves.

"I make mistakes like everyone else, but I'm always positive and the bloke behind me can anticipate my errors and do something about them. That's better than having an indecisive centre-half with everyone around him wondering what he's going to do." Forest's Larry Lloyd.

"I've always compared goalscoring to waiting for a bus. You usually get several close together or none for a long time." Wolves' John Richards.

"I can't see any young goalkeepers around to replace Ray Clemence and Peter Shilton in the England team." Gordon Banks.

"There's been a big change in George. He's maturing with the years, like a good bottle of wine." Mrs. Angela Best.

"Barcelona will be Champions. We'll have overhauled Atlético Madrid by March 22nd." Barcelona vice-president Joan Gaspart.
"What position will Atlético Madrid be in?" The reporter interviewing him.

"Over the course of a season Ray Clemence is worth 12 points to Liverpool. I rate him their top player, even higher than Kenny Dalglish." Everton manager Gordon Lee.

"If I have one fault it's that I'm too soft." Barnsley manager Norman Hunter.

"Justin Fashanu (below) never gives up, but he owes a lot to Joe Royle. If he had Royle's know-how he'd be worth £1.5m. It takes ten years to work for what Joe has, though." Southampton manager Lawrie McMenemy.



"I'm such a Barnsley fanatic that wherever I am in the world I try to look out for their result. I remember being in California and buying the Los Angeles Times. In the sport press were the English soccer results and it said 'Stockport 21, Barnsley 1'. It cost me £25 in frantic phone calls to find out it was a misprint and that we'd in fact drawn 1-1." T.V. personality Michael Parkinson.

"If I were one of my players I'd want to play out of my skin to make me look a mug." Brighton manager Alan Mulhery on criticism of his team.

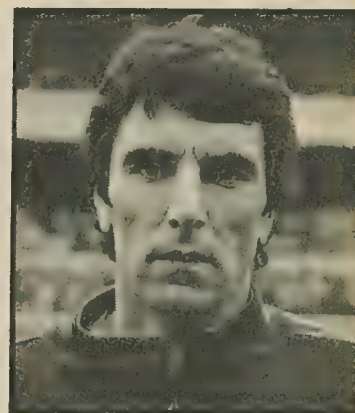
"I could still perform in Division One. If I could guest for Southampton this Saturday I'd play well." Blackpool player-manager Alan Ball.

"Terry Venables and I don't have a good or bad relationship. We don't have a relationship. I don't see him very often." Q.P.R.'s transfer-listed defender Bob Hazell.

"Sunday soccer isn't the biggest moral issue around. I don't lay in bed worrying about it." The Archbishop of Canterbury.

"Dave Sexton may be the greatest coach in the world, but he isn't my idea of a great manager." Tommy Docherty.

"Since Docherty's ideas of great management appear to involve running away with the wife of the team's physiotherapist and telling a pack of lies in the High Court, it is perhaps as well Sexton does not fit the bill." Patrick Collins, The New Standard.



"I'm only praised by people outside Italy. Here, it's all criticism." Dino Zoff (above) of Juventus.

"The muddy pitch was in a terrible state, and this favoured them." Barcelona manager Helenio Herrera after losing 1-0 to Español in the local derby.

"I find it strange that a team of superstars with an annual budget of £5,500,000 can't play on mud." Español manager Maguregui.

"I wouldn't say we've been spoiled by our success, but there's no doubt we've lost some of our killer instinct." Liverpool's Ray Kennedy.

"For years I kept hearing who the club was buying to take my place. I didn't argue with Pat Jennings, but some of the players were laughable." Ipswich's Paul Cooper.

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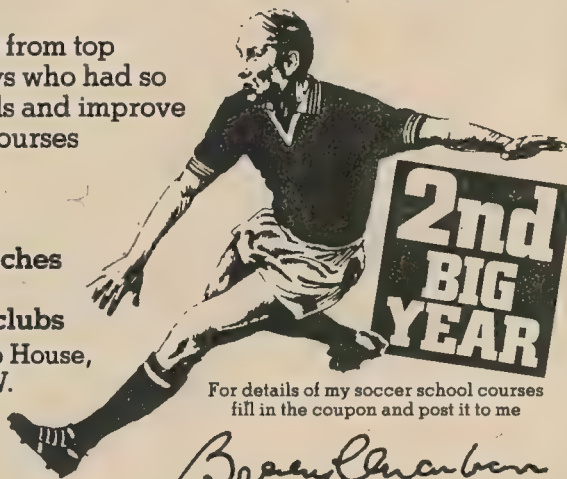
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"Nottingham Forest (light strip) are experts at closing sides down away from home."



FOR all the talk and hopes, the recent meeting of the Football League chairmen turned out to be very shallow. Three points for a win won't change people's attitudes — and no one thought of consulting those who actually play the game.

I'd have thought that before any major changes in the rules were made the P.F.A. would have been asked for its views.

I can't see the three points ruling altering the general approach to the game. It'll still basically be about not losing, and with even more at stake from next season the extra point could have the adverse effect.

Imagine going 1-0 up after ten minutes. A team will be even more desperate to hold on to what it has. Teams such as Forest and Liverpool, experts at closing sides down away from home, must be laughing. If they take the lead the game will be as good as over.

I also wonder if it's fair that a team can draw in three matches at, say, Old Trafford, Anfield and Highbury . . . and get the same number of points for beating the bottom team at home.

I believe Leicester's 2-2-2 idea was more enterprising. Two points for winning the first-half, two points for winning the second-half and a further two points overall. It may be worth a try for one season.

Anyway, I'm not sure that football is in as bad a way as some folk would have us believe. Try telling fans of Ipswich or Villa the game

'Why weren't the players asked?'

needs a boost and they'll laugh at you.

The trouble stemmed from England's disappointing display in the European Championship. It carried over to the start of the new campaign which became a 'crisis season'.

In my view it's been as good a season as I can remember, and the pessimists have been proved very wrong. A lot of clubs have served up a lot of first-class football; even at Wolves, in what has been a relatively poor season, things have taken a turn for the better this year and the fans have been happy.

I had to laugh at the gentleman's agreement that managers won't be sacked during the season. All I can

"Gary Shaw of Aston Villa must be the most confident player in the League at the moment."

say is there will be a hell of a lot of 'resignations'!

I was surprised the limit on paying transfer fees wasn't introduced. Having to pay 50 per cent down and the balance within a year would surely have restored some sanity to the market. Obviously the chairmen thought otherwise.

One change I would like to see at some time is the streamlining of the First Division. A reduction in clubs may ease the saturation stage football has reached, and with fewer games we may see more quality.

If every team was playing as Aston Villa are there would be fewer problems, although I fancy their game at Molineux this Saturday will be one of their most difficult of the season.

I'd like to see Villa win the Championship (although not with two points from this game!) because once you've played for the club you're a Villa fan for life.

Strain

The supporters deserve something and I'd be delighted if Villa managed to pip Ipswich. It remains to be seen whether the Portman Road side can stand the strain of being involved in three competitions. Man for man they're better than Villa, although that doesn't mean they'll be Champions.

Naturally, playing against Villa is a bit special for me and I know the Wolves players are aware of this.

The Villa fans always give me a bit of 'verbal', but I like to think there is a lot of respect from both sides; I certainly have the utmost respect for them.

One player on top form is leading scorer Gary Shaw. I don't think we ever played together at Villa Park. Even so, I have always tipped him with Gordon Cowans to make it to the very top.

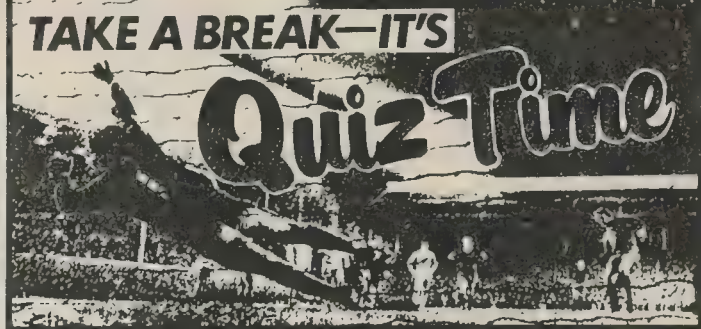
Given the right leadership, training and coaching there is no limit to what Gary can achieve. I'd like to see Ron Greenwood play him against Spain in a few weeks' time.

Okay, Gary's only 20, but if you're good enough you're old enough and there can't be a more confident player in the League right now. I made my international debut aged 19. I was a bit nervous, but I'll always be grateful for the experience. I hope Gary is at least called into the squad so he can get the 'feel' of the international scene.

Join me again in two weeks.

Andy Gray





LEAGUE CUP

The Semi-Final, second-legs of the Football League Cup were played recently. See if you can answer the following questions about the two games.

1. West Ham beat Coventry City 2-0 at Upton Park... who were the scorers for The Hammers?
2. Did West Ham win 3-2, 4-3 or 5-4 on aggregate?
3. Liverpool and Manchester City fought out the other Semi. The game finished 1-1 at Anfield. Did David Johnson, Terry McDermott or Kenny Dalglish score for 'Pool?
4. And who grabbed Manchester City's goal?

EMLYN HUGHES

Can you answer the following questions about the Wolves player?

1. Emlyn began his League career with Bury, Burnley or Blackpool?
2. After 18, 28 or 38 League appearances he was transferred to Liverpool?
3. Was Emlyn a member of the Liverpool side that reached the 1970-71 F.A. Cup Final before losing 2-1 to Arsenal after extra-time at Wembley?
4. During his distinguished career, Emlyn represented England on 52, 62 or 72 occasions?

5. Was he captain of the Wolves side that won the 1980 League Cup Final against Nottingham Forest with a goal from Andy Gray?



TRUE OR FALSE?

1. Ted Bates was manager of Southampton before Lawrie McMenemy took over in June, 1973.
2. Manchester United have won the F.A. Cup on four occasions and the Football League Cup once.
3. Grimsby Town midfielder player Joe Waters is a full Republic of Ireland international.
4. Scottish Second Division club Forfar Athletic play their home games at Station Park.



PICTURE PUZZLE

Study the action photograph, taken during an Everton v Leeds clash on October 11th, 1980, and see if you can answer the following questions about the game.

1. Can you identify the Leeds United player in the light strip?
2. And the Everton star behind him?
3. Leeds won the match 1-0 with a goal by Alan Curtis. Which club does the Welsh international star now play for?
4. Was the game played at Elland Road or Goodison Park?

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TRACE-A TEAM

The names of 12 past or present Bristol Rovers players are spelt out in this frame in straight lines, either horizontally, vertically or diagonally and forwards or backwards. How many can you find?

ON THE BALL ANSWERS

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(3) Leman. (4) Halifax. (11) Undue. (12) Key. (14) Hunt. (15) Gunn. (16) Cuba. (17) Trio. (18) Inch. (20) Neal. (21) Era. (22) Eagle. (23) Profits. (26) Lyons.

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(1) Bell. (2) Half. (5) Andy Blair. (6) Idea. (7) Arkwright. (8) Butcher. (9) Bygones. (10) Burns. (13) Sneak. (19) Jeff. (24) Onyx. (25) Inns.

ANSWERS

Barrowclough, Bates, Prince, Williams, Dennehy, Aitken, Bate, Harding, Cooper, TRACE-A-TEAM, Jones, Thomas, 28, 3, Yes, 4, 62, 5, Yes, EMLYN HUGHES, 1, Blackpool, 2, 3, True, 4, True, they have not won the League Cup, TRUE OR FALSE, 1, True, 2, False, Road, Mike Lyons, 3, Swansea, 4, Elland, PICTURE PUZZLE, 1, Carl Harris, 2, 3, Dalglish, 4, Kevin Reeves, Jimmy Neighbour, 2, 4-3, LEAGUE CUP, 1, Paul Goddard and

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Dave Watson's (left) England place is threatened, says Ken Brown.

DAVE WATSON MARK II

NORWICH City manager Ken Brown believes he has found a rival to England centre-half Dave Watson. His name? Dave Watson.

Watson — the Norwich version — is a new face in the First Division, but Brown believes he will soon be a household name.

"He doesn't try to do anything difficult and thinks about his game," says Brown. "And he's only just turned 19."

The young Watson has been surprised by his sudden emergence on the First Division scene, for not long ago he was playing in Liverpool's third team.

"I had no desire to leave Anfield and I knew nothing of Norwich's interest in me," he explains.

In fact, the Norwich representatives at Liverpool's Central League game against Aston Villa in November were not there to watch Watson, but to assess his defensive partner, Colin Irwin.

"They must have made some enquiries about me, because before the next reserve game Bob Paisley called me to his office and said a First Division club were interested.

"He asked if I wanted to consider the move and really I didn't have to think twice. Playing in the First Division has got to be the aim of every footballer."

Paisley was happy to let Watson go, despite the fact that he had

never seen him play in a competitive match.

"Because of first team commitments, Mr Paisley only saw me play in training. So I don't think that the fact he let me go had anything to do with his impressions of me as a player.

"He explained that the opportunity was a good one, and he wasn't prepared to stand in my way. I shall always be grateful to him."

Watson's background is typical of almost every player who progresses through the Liverpool 'factory'.

He represented the local schoolboys — and joined Liverpool as an amateur when he was 15.

"I didn't stay on at school to take 'O' levels because I wanted to get a trade as soon as possible. That's why I didn't sign as an apprentice footballer. Instead, I spent a two year apprenticeship in the sheet metal trade. I hope I don't have to fall back on it, but at least I've got a trade to back me up.

"I had played only 19 reserve games when Norwich came in for me. I wasn't in too great a rush to get into the Liverpool first team, but I think I would have eventually made the senior side."

Watson's careful grooming at Anfield encouraged Brown to part with £100,000 — half down, with the rest to follow after he has played 25 First Division games.

'Bargain'

"I had no hesitation whatsoever in paying that kind of money. Anybody of his age who can play 25 games in the First Division is a bargain at that price," says the Norwich manager.

Has Watson modelled his game on that of his famous namesake?

"No — in fact before our League game at The Dell on February 7, I had never even met him," replied the Norwich defender. "I can't say I've copied any other player for that matter, although I've got the greatest respect for Phil Thompson at Liverpool.

"I never played with him, but I have played against him. He is a marvellous pro."

Watson's ambitions? To emulate his namesake and claim England's number five shirt. It's early days yet, but watch out for Dave Watson — the Mark II version, that is. He's got a name start on everyone.

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Bodak woos the fans

NINETEEN-year-old Peter Bodak is fast making a name for himself as one of the new breed who are breathing fresh air back into the game in an old fashioned role. He's a winger and part of the Coventry City teen team which came so close to reaching this season's League Cup Final.

And Coventry, the club who believe that if you're good enough you're old enough, pinched this cheeky chappie who bristles with confidence from under the noses of their big name Midland neighbours Aston Villa.

Bodak said: "I was a lifelong Villa fan and stood at the Holte End cheering the team, and I even had a trial for them in a game at their Bodymoor Heath training headquarters. I suppose initially I was disappointed when they



Frank Worthington, one of the game's great entertainers, in action against Coventry.

didn't sign me but not now.

"I think there is great scope to come through at Coventry. You only have to look at the number of young players in the side.

"I know Coventry is a smaller club than Villa, but in many ways that works in its favour. People are very friendly and everyone knows everybody else. I get on so well with them all."

Admiration

The kids that manager Gordon Milne has pinned so much faith in are now beginning to reward him after he had to stand for calls for his head from the fans. Milne stuck to his guns and won the undying admiration of Bodak because of it.

He says: "It's great to think that even if you have a couple of bad games the manager still relies on you.

"I think the boss knows that I have the ability. Even when I did have a couple of bad days he kept faith with me."

When he's up against some

of the biggest names in the game Bodak isn't afraid to try one of his cheeky dummies or tricky flicks. He believes that is the way to overcome any fear you may have about facing the stars.

His natural game is based on entertainment. And he has great admiration for the other entertainers in the game.

Bodak said: "After a match against Birmingham I asked Frank Worthington for his shirt. I respect that man so much for what he is and for what he has done for football."

Now Bodak is looking to add another treasure to his football collection... a Wembley winner's medal.

He said: "I'd love to play at Wembley. There's the television cameras, all the Press and a huge crowd. That's the place to get noticed. There's a lot of space

around and that makes it a winger's dream. I'm sure I'd love every minute of it. That's why I was so disappointed when we lost in the last minute to West Ham in the League Cup Semi-Final."

One thing Peter Bodak doesn't love every minute of is his daily journey to the wilds of Warwickshire and Coventry's training ground. For that's quite a trip from Birmingham when you are a non-driver.

Bodak said: "I failed my test at the first attempt. Everything went wrong. It was just a nightmare. The windows of the car steamed up and then I went up on to the kerb. I knew I had failed."

But one place Bodak isn't failing is out on the field. And if his confidence and performances this season are anything to go by, he's just the sort of player the game needs to bring back the fans.



CLIVE ALLEN

— PLAYERS GIVE THEIR VERDICTS

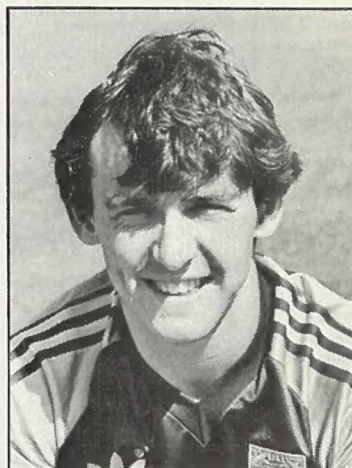


CLIVE Allen, the first footballer to move twice at £1,000,000 valuations, is either the luckiest man in football, or the unluckiest.

That was the verdict of six soccer personalities who talked to SHOOT about the youngster on whom the last year has conferred a unique place in the history of the game.

Clive Allen ended last season as Queens Park Rangers' leading goalscorer with 30. He was transferred to Arsenal in a £1 million move, and then 62 days later was on the move again, this time to Crystal Palace.

Paul Allen, Ron Harris, Gerry Francis, Andy Ritchie, Kevin Bond and Swindon manager John Trollope all agreed that, while Allen is well off financially, his football has suffered.



'Nice guy'

His cousin Paul, of West Ham, said: "I used to play soccer with him in my nan's back garden when we were kids. He used to score a lot then.

"He's a real nice guy, who gets on with people, and if he can't stay at one club it must be something to do with the system."

'Cost Chelsea promotion'

A loyalist like Ron Harris, who played 795 first team games for Chelsea between 1961 and 1979, might be the first to disapprove of Allen's moving around.

But Harris, now Brentford's player-coach, says: "I was at Chelsea 19 years and had two testimonials with them and, financially, I've done well out of football. But, more important, I'd rather have a regular place in the first team than 20 grand in the bank."

Harris played against Allen only once, and said: "That was enough. You could say he cost Chelsea promotion last season. We drew with Queens Park Rangers 2-2 at Loftus Road. Clive got the goals. One was an overhead kick in the last minute, and we lost promotion on goal difference."

'Badly treated'

Kevin Bond had his own taste of the Allen skill, when the striker scored twice for Palace against Norwich earlier in the season. Bond said: "He's got a lot of potential, rather than being a great player yet. He seems a nice guy, and I can't understand why he hasn't settled.

"Arsenal treated him badly, and then when Terry Venables left Palace it must have disillusioned him.

"I think he's been unlucky on the footballing front — possibly a victim of the system — but financially he's done well. Once he settles, he will have the best of both worlds."

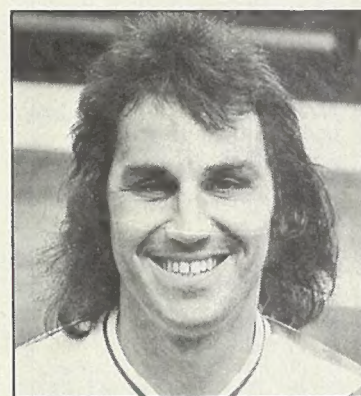
'Needs company — and a friendly club'

John Trollope is strictly a one-club man. After making 770 League appearances for Swindon, more than any other player has made for one club, he became their manager last November.

He said: "I grew up with six or seven players of my own age, and we were all good for each other. Clive could be missing out on that special kind of comradeship.

"We've got an exceptional lad named Paul Rideout. He's only 16, but he has played for England Schoolboys, and shown a lot of potential. I certainly don't want what has happened to Clive to happen to him, even if he does make money out of it."

Brighton striker Andy Ritchie stressed the importance of settling down. His advice to anyone is simply: "Find a good friendly club with a go-ahead manager, and you can't go wrong."



'Special talent'

Gerry Francis, former England captain, who has played with Allen at Queens Park Rangers and Palace, singled out the most important point — that of success. He said: "Clive is a goalscorer. I'm sure wherever he goes he will score, and if he does that he will be sought after.

"It doesn't matter if he goes to 20 clubs he'll still have that special talent and that is what counts in the end."

FOCUS ON

LEE CHAPMAN

Stoke City

FULL NAME: Lee Roy Chapman
BIRTHPLACE: Lincoln
BIRTHDATE: December 5, 1959
HEIGHT: 6ft 2ins
WEIGHT: 13st
PREVIOUS CLUBS: None
MARRIED: No
CAR: Ford Cortina
FAVOURITE NEWSPAPER: Daily Express
FAVOURITE PLAYER: Mario Kempes
MOST PROMISING TEAM-MATE: Kevin Ronan
FAVOURITE OTHER TEAM: WBA
FOOTBALL HERO OF CHILDHOOD: Bobby Charlton
FAVOURITE OTHER SPORT: Tennis
MOST DIFFICULT OPPONENT: There are many good players in the First Division
MOST MEMORABLE MATCH: Against Crystal Palace last season when I scored my first League goal
BIGGEST DISAPPOINTMENT: The last game we lost
FRIENDLIEST AWAY FANS: Manchester City
FAVOURITE FOOD + DRINK: Lasagne and salad, lager and lime
MISCELLANEOUS LIKES AND DISLIKES: All sports and good films/Smoking and ignorant people
FAVOURITE HOLIDAY RESORT: It will be Barbados. The club go there in May
FAVOURITE T.V. STAR, MALE AND FEMALE: Laurel and Hardy, Pamela Stephenson
FAVOURITE ACTIVITY ON DAY OFF: A lie in bed and then go shopping
FAVOURITE SINGERS: Paul Weller (Jam), Kate Bush, Joan Armatrading
AFTER-MATCH ROUTINE: A drink with the lads
BEST FRIEND: I hope I have many
BIGGEST INFLUENCE ON CAREER: My father. He has always encouraged me when I needed it, but never pushed me.
INTERNATIONAL HONOURS: None
PERSONAL AMBITION: To gain international and domestic honours
IF NOT A PLAYER, WHAT JOB WOULD YOU DO? I would be at university doing a course in business management
WHICH PERSON IN THE WORLD WOULD YOU MOST LIKE TO MEET? I like meeting any interesting people

Lee Chapman



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